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22nd "	ARCADIA	6803	INDIA	7511
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12th "	MONGOLIA	9505		
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26th "	EGYPT	7912		
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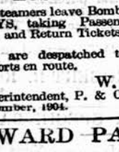

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PERSIA	G. Mitchell	3,596	13th	Oct, "
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	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	
20	21 10	48 8	36 6	30 7	64 5	47 6	37 11	20
21	22 1	49 4	36 14	30 15	64 6	47 8	37 13	21
22	22 9	50 0	37 7	31 7	64 8	47 10	37 15	22
23	23 1	50 12	38 0	31 15	64 9	47 12	38 1	23
24	23 9	51 8	38 10	32 7	64 11	47 14	38 4	24
25	24 2	52 5	39 4	33 0	64 13	48 0	38 7	25
26	24 11	53 2	39 15	33 9	64 15	48 3	39 10	26
27	25 5	54 0	40 10	34 2	65 1	48 6	38 14	27
28	25 15	54 14	41 5	34 12	65 4	48 9	39 2	28
29	26 9	55 13	42 1	35 6	65 7	48 12	39 6	29
30	27 4	56 13	42 13	36 0	65 10	49 0	39 11	30
31	27 15	57 13	43 10	36 11	65 13	49 4	40 0	31
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42	39 6	71 11	54 12	46 14	69 12	54 8	46 4	42
43	40 13	73 4	56 1	48 2	70 6	55 0	47 3	43
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30 PERFORMERS.

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SOLE EXECUTOR of the Estates of

NAWAB SIRDAR DILER JUNG BAHADUR, C.I.E.

The Sirdar Diler Jung's Agency, Bombay, 5th September, 1904.

NOTICE.

THE PASTEUR INSTITUTE OF INDIA.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the members of the Association of the Pasteur Institute of India will be held in the room of the United Service Institution of India, Simla on MONDAY, the 12th September 1904, at 5 P.M., the Central Committee will present its report showing the proceedings and progress of the Association during the past year and its financial position.

C. J. BAMBER, Lt.-Col., I. M. S.,
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Simla, the 2nd September, 1904.

CITY OF BOMBAY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

DEBENTURE LOAN, 1904.

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NOTIFICATION.

WITH the Sanction of the Government of India and under the provisions of Sections 32—39 of the City of Bombay Improvement Act, 1898 (assented to by the Governor-General of India), the Board of Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Bombay hereby invite Tenders for Rupees 50 lakhs bearing interest at 4 per cent. per annum repayable in sixty years. It is not the intention of the Trustees to issue any further Debenture Loan during the current financial year.

2. Under Section 20 (f) of the Indian Trusts Act, 1882, the High Court has passed a rule authorizing the investment of Trust Moneys in Debentures issued by the Board.

3. The guarantee for the fulfilment of the Board's liabilities provided in the Act includes, inter alia, a provision (Section 80) that, in the event of any default being made by the Board in any payment of interest due under Sections 52 and 54 (including interest on the Board's Debentures) or in setting aside and investing any sum required for the Sinking Fund for redemption of the Board's Debentures, the Accountant-General of Bombay or other Officer for the time being performing the duties of the office of the said Accountant-General shall make such payment or set aside and invest such sum as may be required to be paid or to be set aside and invested.

4. Debentures will be issued payable to the applicant or order and will be transferable by endorsement.

5. Debentures will be issued for sums of Rs. 500 or multiples of Rs. 500, as may be required; they will be repayable in Bombay in sixty years from 7th September 1904 and will bear interest at 4 per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly on 1st January and 1st July, in Bombay at the Head Office of the Bank of Bombay or, subject to notification, at the Office of the Trustees in Bombay.

6. Three per cent. of the amount tendered for to be deposited on application; the balance to be paid on or before the 31st day of December, 1904.

7. Anticipated interest at 4 per cent. per annum will be paid from date of payment in full up to 31st December, 1904, at the time of issue of Debentures.

8. The deposit of 3 per cent will be returned if no allotment is made and will be forfeited if an allotment is not fully paid up by the 31st day of December, 1904.

9. Tenders will be received by the Secretary, Bombay Improvement Trust, up to 12 o'clock noon, on the 7th September, 1904, and they will thereafter be opened in the presence of the Chairman of the Improvement Trust.

10. Printed Forms of Tender can be obtained on application to the Secretary.

11. The Board reserve to themselves the right of refusing Tenders if they consider the rates offered to be too low, but, subject to this reservation, allotments will be made in full to the highest Tenderers, and rateably to the Tenderers offering the lowest rate accepted by the Board.

By Order of the Board,
W. N. SHILSTONE,
Secretary.

Office of the Bombay Improvement Trust, Esplanade Road, Bombay, 23rd August, 1904.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

LONDON, SEPT. 3.

The Bombay Mails of 20th ult., arrived at Brindis yesterday.

SECURITIES—

2 1-2 per cent. Consols	£83 3-8 ex	=	unchanged
3 do. Rentes	498 1-2	=	do
3 1-2 do, Indian, Sterling Loan	£104 3-4	=	do
3 1-2 per cent, Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	£86 1-16	=	do
SILVER—			
Spot in London	26 1-4	=	— 1-16
2 months hence	26 1-8	=	— 1-16
Spot in New York	closed	=	
EXCHANGES—			
Paris cheques	25'24	=	— 1
Berlin "	20'44 3-4	=	— 1-2
New York Demand	closed	=	
DISCOUNTS—			
Bank of England	3	per cent =	unchanged
3 months' sight Bank Bills	2 3-4	per cent =	do
3 " " Fine Trade Bills	3 1-8	per cent =	do
6 months' sight Fine Trade Bills	3 1-2	per cent =	do
INTEREST—			
Day to day loans	1 1-2	per cent =	— 1-4
7 day market loans	2	per cent =	— 1-3
LINSEED—			

Linseed Bold 38 1-2 S-O, done firm.

In Liverpool—Cotton Market closed quiet Surats quiet. Manchester firm. Total sales 5,000. Spot 6·46 — 18. Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 7 5-8 — 1-16. Sold on speculation and for Export 200. Imports nil. Arrivals closed quiet.

Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.
5·65	5·57	5·54
—16	—16	—15
Dec.-Jan.	Jan. Feb	Feb.-Mch.
5·52	5·50	5·50
—15	—15	—15
Mch-Apl.	Apl.-May.	May-June
5·50	5·51	5·51
—15	—14	—14

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, for the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m., on Saturday, 3rd September, 1904 :—

Cotton	554 bales.
Wheat	38,361 cwts.
Linseed	11,773 "
Rape, Ral and Mustard	7,196 "
Gingellyseed	928 "
Poppyseed	3,171 "
Groundnuts	nil
Castorseed	2,351 "
Rice	103 "
Myrabollams	nil
Cottonseed	5,296 "
Mowraseed	3,259 "
Gram	3,342 "
Joowar	11,123 "
Maize	139 "
	Bales.
Stock in Liverpool	190,000
Stock in London	30,000
Total visible supply	610,000
Total visible supply of which is East Indian	186,000
Total quantity in sight	24,750

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, SEPT. 3

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed	quiet
Surats	quiet
Good Bhownuggar	.....
The Manchester Market has been	firm
2 1-2 per cent Consols	83 3-8
3 per cent Rentes	98 1-2
3 1-2 per cent Sterling Loan	104 3-4
3 1-2 per cent Rupee Papers	86 1-16
Bar Silver	23 1-4

BOMBAY, SEPT. 5.

Exchange—Tone steady.

Bank T.T. ..... 1s 3 31-32d.

Bank Demand ..... 1s-4d.

Credit Bills 3 Months' Sight D. A. 1s. 4 3-16d.

Do 6 do do 1s. 4 5-16d

French Francs	3 do	do	.....	170 1-4
Marks	3 do	do	.....	138 1-4
Hongkong	30 Days'	Sight	.....	133 1-2
Shanghai	30 do	do	.....	185 1-2
Japan	30 do	do	.....	149

GOVERNMENT PAPER,—3 1-2 per cent. Tone quiet.

Cash ... ... 98'12

1st Settlement 30th September 98'10

Bombay Market tone-easy.

BANK RATE.—

Bank of England since	21st April	3	per cent.
Bank of Bombay	do 16th June	3	do
Bank of Bengal	do 23rd June	3	do
Bank of Madras	do 6th July	4	do

Bank of Bombay Cash Balance 14 lakhs up.

SEEDS—

Linseed.—Tone firm.	Rs.	a.	p.			
Ready	6	12	0	to 6	13	6
Rapeseed.—Tone firm.						
Brown Cawnpore, Ready.	5	5	0	to 5	6	0
Yellow Cawnpore, Ready.	5	13	0			
Yellow Guzerat, Ready	5	13	0			
Poppyseed.—Tone firm.						
Ready	6	4	0			
Castorseed—Tone steady.						
Ready	24	0	0	to 25	0	0

WHEAT.—Tone steady.

Soft Red Ahmedabad..... Rs. 29 1-4

Club No. 1, ... Rs. 29 3-4

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone—			quiet.
Estimated sales	bales		4,000
Imports	do		2,000
Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	
5·53	5·52	5·49	
—7	—5	—5	
Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar.	
5·47	5·45	5·45	
—5	—5	—5	
Mar.-April	April.-May.	May-June.	
5·45	5·46	5·43	
—5	—5	—5	

COTTON.—The local market is firm with the Sutta quotations again Rs. 2 to 3 higher.

BANK OF BOMBAY.

THE following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bombay for the week ending the 3rd September, as compared with the statement of the 27th Aug. :—

LIABILITIES.	Aug 27, Rs.	Sept. 3, Rs.
Capital	1,00,00,000	1,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	84,00,00	84,00,000
Public Deposits at Head Office	51,35,471	45,72,737
Public Deposits at Branches	40,39,818	35,09,211
Other Deposits	6,02,27,273	6,58,59,080
Post Bills	22,583	24,336
Sundries	13,66,126	14,03,583
Rs.	8,91,81,568	9,34,68,567
ASSETS.		
Government Securities	1,23,10,150	1,36,90,166
Other authorised Securities	9,36,697	13,54,357
Credits on Govt. and other authorised Securities	74,02,279	68,13,458
Loans do. do.	1,20,31,833	1,33,03,812
Bills discounted and purchased	2,61,40,969	2,67,09,991
Dead Stock	3,03,110	3,09,141
Stamps and Stationery	2,823	2,795
Balances with other Banks	14,87,984	1 36,200
Sundries	62,122	90,001
Cash	2,84,47,753	2,65,39,136
Rs.	8,91,81,568	9,34,68,567

ADVICE TO MOTHERS!—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth! Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain and the little cherub awakes as bright as a button. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS and MEMORIAM Notices (which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender) is Rs. 2 for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line. CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

BOMBAY.

BIRTH.

KEOGH—August 22, at Karachi, the wife of Captain J H Keogh, R A, of a son.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

BERKELEY—August 29, at Chittagong, the wife of A M Berkeley, of a daughter.

DEATH.

HEWSON—August 30, at the Station Hospital, Allahabad, after a long and painful illness. Charles Mumford, Conductor, Ordnance Department, age 32 years and 7 months.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 5h. 46m. Sun sets, 6h. 11m. High water, 8-14m., 8-0s. Low water, 1-17m., 2-22s.

Fourth Criminal Sessions.

Improvement Trust 4 p.m.

Tuere will be a game of Polo at 5-15 p.m.

SHORTHAND.—Mr. Amritrao Nanabhai Vagal, of the Judicial Department of the Bombay Secretariat, has been granted Pitman's Shorthand Teacher's certificate by Sir Isaac Pitman and Sons, London.

DHUNJEEBHOY EDALJEE ALLBLESS CHARITABLE DISPENSARY.—The total number of patients treated in this dispinsary during the month of August was 469 of whom were 67 adult males. 102 adult females and 240 children.

THE VICTORIA GARDENS.—The following animals have been presented to the zoological collection :—One spotted deer (cervus axis) by Mr. E. R. Snetham and one Indian antelops (Antelope Cervicapra) by Mr. C. M. Bhesania.

THE MEHER CHARITABLE DISPENSARY.—The total number of patients treated during the month of August, was 6,111 the daily average being 197 new admissions 1,422, Parsees 884, Hindoos 3,533, Mahomedans, 1,512, Christians 332. Fiftytwo children were vaccinated.

TIRED OF LIFE.—Dadabhai Edulji Kanga, residing in Ghega Street, has reported to the Bombay Police that his son Bomanji, aged 9, who had been ailing for some time past, has been missing from home since Saturday. The lad had declared himself tired of life and often said he would commit suicide.

RATANSI MULJI CHARITABLE DISPENSAARY, FORT.—During the month of August the number of Hindu patients treated in this Dispensary was 3,259. Among them the number of new admissions was 881: classified as stated below :—Men 552 women 138 children 181. The average daily attendance was 105.

AN UNMANAGEABLE HORSE.—Near a stable at Nawab's Tank, Mazagon, while a horse, belonging to Mr. Dosabhai J. Mistri was being attached to a carriage. The animal became restive, and kicking at the poles broke loose, ran towards DeLima Street, knocking down a Hindoo woman named Nirabai, aged 30, who was seriously injured. She was conveyed to the Jamshedji Jeejeebhoy Hospital.

BURNT NEAR THE FIRE-PLACE.—Emily Charlotte Myer, a Goanese girl aged 3, residing in Kasar Gully, Mazagon, with her parents, while playing near the fire-place, on Sunday evening, had her clothes accidentally on fire, and before her mother could come up to her assistance, sustained severe burns. The girl was removed to the Jamshedji Jeejeebhoy Hospital, where she died shortly after admission.

THE BAND AT THE ROYAL YACHT CLUB.—By kind permission of Major C. G. Carnegy and officers, the band of the 12st Pioneers will play the following programme of music, under the direction of Mr. A. Maillandaine band-master, commencing at 5-45 p.m. to-day.

March	Olympia ... Clark
Overture	Light Cavalry ... Suppe
Air and Sketch	Way Down in Tennessee ... Knowles
Dance	Japanese ... Tomasi
Selection	Hitch his pony Columbus ... Cavill
Valse	Andalusian Dreams of Love ... Friedemann

BENCH OF HONORARY MAGISTRATES.—A bench of Honorary Magistrates consisting of Mr James Macdonald (Chairman) Mr Kazi Mahomed Ali Murgey, Mr K Subramani Iyer and the Hon. Mr. Vithuldas D. Thackersay assembled yesterday morning at the Mazagon Police Court and disposed of a number of cases under the Police Act and the Act for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. In one case the accused was sentenced to five days rigorous imprisonment for being drunk and disorderly. In other cases the punishment inflicted ranged from a fine of Rs. 5 to 4 annas. In all twenty-seven cases were disposed of.

POSTAL NOTICES.—A mail for Egypt and Europe consisting of letters and packets specially marked for transmission per Messageries Maritimes s. s. Amfond Delile will be made up at the Bombay General Post Office for despatch to destination at 6 a. m. on Thursday the 8th instant. Letters, &c., for Aden will also be despatched by this steamer,—Mails for Ceylon per extra s. s. Franz Ferdinand, will be closed at the General Post Office at 2 p. m. to-morrow.—Mails consisting of specially superscribed correspondence for Lamu, Mombasa, Ibo, Chindi, Dar-es-Salaam, Zanzibar, Quilimane, Mozambique, Beira, per extra s. s. Lalpoora will be closed at the General Post Office at 7 p. m. to-day.

A DISHONEST MALL.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday afternoon before Mr. Kersondas Chhabildas Inspector Bodley charged a mali named Bhagvat Sonn with theft of a rupee from the pocket of Mr. G. A. Gooding, an assistant in the employ of Messrs Coutts and Co., Shipping Agents. It appeared that on the 3rd instant when Mr. Gooding had left his vest-coat in his room at his place of business at Colaba he returned to find after his tiffin that a rupee was missing from his vest-pocket. A butler deposed to having seen the accused go into Mr. Gooding's room. The accused who pleaded not guilty could not satisfactorily explain why he had been there. The Magistrate found the accused guilty and sentenced him to one month's rigorous imprisonment.

SUFFERING AND SUICIDE.—At Matarpakady Road, Mazagon, yesterday, Mr. J. M. Payne, Acting Coroner, for Bombay conducted an inques relative to the death of Govind Tookaram, a Hindu, aged about thirty years. The evidence showed that the deceased was a dock laborer and lived at Mazagon. He had been ailing for the last two months and was unable to attend to his work. During the last week he was much depressed and neglected to take his food. On Friday afternoon, he brushed out of his house and jumped into a well close by. The police were informed who dragged the well, but failed to recover the body. On Sunday afternoon the body rose to the the water and was removed by the police. There were no marks of violences on the body. The jury returned a verdict of suicide.

THE LATE MR. MOTIBHAI MANIBHAI JASBHAI.—The many friends of the late Diwan Bahadur Manibhai Jasbhai will be sorry to learn of the untimely death of his elder son Mr. Motibhai which event occurred at Petlad last Thursday. Mr. Motibhai was a graduate of the Bombay University. After taking his degree he entered service in the Junagadh State where he served in different departments. Soon after H. H. the Rao of Cutch gave him an appointment and Mr. Motibhai at the time of his death held the post of the Hazur Secretary. He was only 35 years old. He had made himself a great favourite of His Highness, who was pleased to ask his Bombay Agent Mr. Mansukhram Suryaram Tripathi to proceed to Petlad with Sir Bhalchandra Krishna and they accordingly went there, but in spite of the greatest attention Mr. Motibhai succumbed. He leaves a brother Mr. Hirabhai, B.A. Bar.-at-Law, a young widow and a host of relations and friends to mourn his loss.

A STEAMER SERIOUSLY DAMAGED.—The steamer Clematis of net register 2,329 tons and gross register 3,040 tons owned by Messrs Joseph Robinson and Sons of North Shields put back to Bombay owing to damage she sustained when off the Arabian coast by grounding on a sand bank. She was loaded in Karachi, with a cargo of wheat of about 5,840 tons for Birkenhead on account of Messrs Ralli Brothers. She arrived here on Saturday last, when she at once entered the Victoria Dock and commenced discharging her cargo, the unloading being finished in thirty-five working hours. This was a smart piece of work on the part of the stevedores Messrs Ruttanji Bomanji and Co., for, had it not been for their quick discharging of the cargo, it was feared she would have sunk in the dock. The vessel is now in the dry dock undergoing a survey of the damage which is considered to be very serious. The local agents for the vessel are Messrs James Mackintosh, and Co. of Apollo Street.

BORAHS CHARGED WITH GAMBLING.—At the Esplanade Police Court Bombay yesterday, before Mr. Karsondas Chhabildas, Third Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Sullivan charged Valia Musaji and Adamji Narbhoy, Borahs, with keeping a common gaming-house in Doctor Street, and Infali Jivaji and ten other Borahs with gaming therein with money and cards. Mr. Oliviera, pleader, defended the accused. The defence was that Sunday being a Hindoo holiday, the accused were at leisure and playing with cards and money in a Jamatkhana, which was not a common gaming-house, and by which the first two accused had neither gain nor profit. They were playing what was called the "Sat Hatho Bavanlo Kote." The last accused said he had gone to the place to see his son, who was a student in a school in the same place. He was standing at a distance of thirty feet from the players, but was taken up by the police along with the others. The inquiry was adjourned.

SUSPICIOUS DEATH OF A HINDU.—Tookaram Appa a registration peon, doing duty in Sion Section, while returning to Matoonga after visiting the cemetery at Rawli Hill on Sunday evening, noticed the dead body of a Hindu lying near the Tansa main. The deceased was lying on his back with his right arm on his side and the left arm a little extended. There was a wound on the right eye and another above it on the forehead, while the edge of the right ear was torn. The skull appeared to have been fractured. The deceased was dressed in a guernsey, a waist-coat and a white dhotur. His cap was lying by the side of his head. The top of his head was sprinkled with some white stuff. The peon proceeded to the Foot-KaTalao Chowkey and reported the matter to the police. Superintendent Williamson repaired to the spot and instituted an inquiry but no one came forward to indentify the deceased. The deceased appeared to be a Hindu of about thirty-five years of ages. The body was quite stiff and decomposed and must have been lying there for twelve hours before it was discovered. The body was subsequently removed to the Morgue and the information was circulated throughout the town, but no one came forward to claim it. Mr. J. M. Payne, Acting Coroner for Bombay, opened an inquiry last evening at the Morgue, regarding the death of the deceased. After the evidence of the registration peon was recorded, the inquiry was adjourned.

SUICIDE OF A PARSI WOMAN.—At Naigaum, yesterday morning, Mr. J. M. Payne, Acting Coroner for Bombay conducted an inquest relative to the death of Manockbai, aged thirty-six, wife of Dhunjibhoy Rattonji Tumboowalla, a tent merchant residing at Parel. The evidence given by the husband went to show that for the last fourteen months the deceased had been suffering from an abscess. The abscess burst and she was in great pain and for the last week she had been out of her mind. She often said that the pain was unbearable and morphia and chloral were occasionally administered to her. She was attended by Dr. Parekh, and Dr. Dimmock and others. She had been married for the last twenty two years and for the last six months she lived with her mother at Naigaum. On Friday last the husband took the deceased to his house at Parel, as she was out of her senses and very weak. On Sunday afternoon the husband went out leaving the deceased in charge of her sister and two sons. When he returned about three hours after, he found the deceased lying in her bed unconscious and breathing heavily. Dr. Batliwalla was summoned, who examined the deceased and pronounced it to be a case of opium poisoning. As her condition was considered to be hopeless, the husband took her to her mother's house at Naigaum, where she died at 8 o'clock in the evening. It appeared that the husband kept a small dispensary, which was not kept under lock and key and any one in the house could have access to it. About 5 o'clock in the evening the deceased went into the dispensary and having picked up a bottle containing laudanum drank the greater part of its contents with the result above stated. The jury returned a verdict of suicide.

MIDNIGHT MARAUDER.

DASTARDLY ATTACK ON LADIES.

At the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. Kersandas Chhabildas, one Laxman Ramji, stood charged with criminal trespass in the house of one Mr. Bomanji Bezonji Palkhiwalla residing in the first Marine Lines Street. It appears that the accused on the night of the 25th ultimo entered the house where slept on the ground-floor two Parsee ladies named Dosibai and Jaiji. The former lady was aroused by the accused, who, attacked her siezing her by the throat to prevent her shouting. A struggle ensued between the lady and the accused whereupon the other lady Baijaiji was awakened and the accused was seen trying to take a gold bangle from the wrist of Bai Dosibai. The accused became desperate and assaulted the second lady too. Eventually with outside assistance the accused was arrested. The prisoner who had previous convictions against him was found guilty. The Magistrate remarked that the assault on the ladies was of a very serious character. He sentenced the accused to two years' rigorous imprisonment, with solitary confinement for three months.

INDIAN INVENTIONS AND DESIGNS.

Applications in respect of the undermentioned inventions have been filed, under the provisions of the Inventions and Designs Act of 1888 in the office of the Secretary appointed under that Act during the week ending 27th August. Dale Marshall, engineer, of 30, Winchcombe street, Cheltenham, and John Francis Carr, engineer, of 40, St. Leonards road, Exter, for improvements in and connected with means for locking nuts, bolts, studs, and the like. Rustonji Dadabhoy Palkhiwala, carriage builder, of Nos. 799 and 801, Girgaum road, Girgaum, Bombay, for improvements in the shafts of vehicles. Samuel Telford Dutton, signal engineer, of the East Indian Railway Calcutta, for a combination of a signal lever controlling apparatus disengager and indicator. Albert Angelo Lacey, engineer, 91, Ripon street, Calcutta, for an automatic flush suitable for use in latrines. Herbert Wilred Perry, executive engineer, in the employ of the South Indian Railway Company and residing at Trinchinapoly, Madras, for an improved renewable rail. Srish Chundra Nandi, overseer, Eastern Bengal State Railway, Bogoola, for improvements in mason's and similar spirit levels.

CRICKET IN BOMBAY.

MAHOMEDAN C. C. vs. BARO NET C. C.

This match was played on the Esplanade maidan on Saturday last and resulted in a defeat to the B. C.C. by 17 runs. For the M. C. C. Mullajee took 5 wickets for 28 runs, all clean bowled. Peer Mahomed made rather a poor show behind the wickets or else the number of byes given would have been saved. For the home team Mistry captured 5 wickets for 81 runs. Bapasola would have been more successful had the fielding been up to his tricky deliveries. Scores :—

B. C. C.

Bapasola, b Mullajee	12
H S Bhapco, b Mullajee	5
N M Mody, c Gharsar, b Tumboowala	5
B B Bhapco, b A I	13
B Mistry, b Ali	5
J Warden, not out	17
L Mehta, run out	4
Iranee, b Ali	2
Writer, b Mullajee	1
Doctor, b Mullajee	6
Masani, b Mullajee	0
Extras	19
Total	89

M. C. C.

Ali Shah, c Writer, b Bapasola	0
Gharsar, st b Mistry	4
Ismail, b Mistry	6
Syed Ahmed, c Mehta, b Bapasola	7
C M Ali, c Mehta, b Warden	23
K Tumboovalla, c Bapasola, b Mistry	30
Peer Mahomed, c Mehta, b Warden	3
J Mullajee, b Mistry	6
Barafvala, not out	1
Bustani, b Mistry	4
Parkar, b Bapasola	1
Extras	21
Total	106

HINDU GYMKHANA vs. WILSON COLLEGE GYMKHANA.

The match was played on the Hindu Gymkhana ground on Saturday, and resulted in a win for the Hindu Gymkhana by 10 wickets and 114 runs :—

HINDU GYMKHANA.

Diveker, not out		62
P K Telang, c Bharuchs, b Doctor		106
L B Bhandare, not out		30
C V Mehta	To bat	
K A Date		
Bhatavdeker		
Gotsaker		
Reshimwalla		
Parshottam		
M D Pal		
D K Telang		
S G Patbare		
Extras		11
Total		209

WILSON COLLEGE GYMKHANA.

Rutnager, b Mehta	4
Doctor, c Bhatavdeker, b Reshimwalla	45
Stevenson, b Date	8
Mehta, b Mehta	13
Vakil, c D K Telang, b Mehta	5
Devetre, st Diveker, b Mehta	11
Khumbata, st Diveker, b Mehta	2
Bharucha, b Mehta	0
Spencer, b Mehta	0
Sousa, b Mehta	0
Comonar, st Diveker, b Reshimvalla	0
Alcock, not out	0
Extras	7
Total	95

FOURTH CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Russell presided at a sitting of the Court yesterday, and the trial of the following case was continued before his lordship and the same common jury.

CAUSING DEATH BY NEGLIGENCE.

Vishram Misjee and Vishram Bapu were charged with doing a rash and negligent act, on the 14th July last, in Rajapur Street, Stone Bunder, in connection with a scaffolding erected in the construction of a building for the Standard Oil Company, thereby causing the death of a woman named Janki, one of the labourers employed in carrying bricks and mortar to the brick layers engaged in the work. Mr. Kirkpatrick, instructed by the Public Prosecutor appeared for the Crown while Mr. Rustom Wadia instructed by Heerjibhoy Mr. J. Dalal, defended the accused.

Mr. N. N. Katrak, Superintendent in the employ of the Municipality, was examined by Mr. Wadia who also called two natives L. C. E's as witnesses for the defence, who said that the materials used in the scaffolding were good materials such as are ordinarily used in the erection of scaffoldings in Bombay that the scaffolding was erected properly, and that they saw nothing rash or negligent in its erection.

Mr. Rustom Wadia, in addressing the jury, argued that it was for the prosecution to prove that the scaffolding was improperly erected, and that it fell down owing to the negligence of the accused in not having selected good materials for it. The accused according to their knowledge and experience, did take care in erecting the scaffolding. It appeared from the evidence that the accused Vishram took a contract to build a house from Messrs Gokhale and Kanga, architects, and they employed a muccadum Vishram Babajee, who had an experience of some thirty-five years in building houses. This muccadum, had stated that he used good materials in the erection of the scaffolding As it happened, the cause of the accident was that there was overloading on the scaffolding by materials and several women standing together at one part contrary to the instructions of the Muccadum. The women did not appear to have cared for the muccadum's warning, and the overloading caused the accident. Nobody saw that the scaffolding was in any danger. It was used for the special purpose of enabling the women to take up materials to the bricklayers. The accused used all the caution that men in their position usually did in Bombay. The witnesses for the defence had stated that the scaffolding was made of good materials, and that they saw no negligence in its erection. The second accused had not signed the contract. He was not a partner of the first accused, and he merely superintended the work. Mr. Kanga, L.C.E., had said that he had gone several times over the scaffolding and did not see anything wrong with it. Counsel asked the jury to give his clients the benefit of any doubt.

Mr. Kirkpatrick, in summing up the evidence for the prosecution, remarked that it showed gross negligence on the part of those responsible for the construction of the scaffolding. The accused only had the right of constructing the scaffolding in connection with the building they had contracted to erect, and it was their duty to construct a proper scaffolding. The accused were partners, and they were equally responsible for the accident. The defence put forward that the scaffolding was erected in the manner common in Bombay was no defence at all. If others had done rash acts in Bombay, they would be liable for their acts if they were attended with evil consequences; but that was not the question before the jury. The question the jury had to consider was whether the accused were or were not negligent in the construction of the scaffolding in this instance. That was the first point raised by the defence, namely that there was nothing unusual in the construction of the scaffolding. Then the second point was that there was overloading in one part of the scaffolding where three or four women stopped talking. Counsel contended that it was the duty of the accused to have provided against such a contingency, either by making the scaffolding sufficiently strong or by making rules which would have prevented their collecting together in any one part. There was a large labouring class in Bombay, particularly women, working at three annas a day and it was necessary to protect them from the consequences of such accidents.

His lordship, in summing up the case to the jury said this was an important case in a city like Bombay where there was a large labouring population. The evidence showed that there was no supervision in the construction of these scaffoldings, which was a most surprising thing. But the jury were told to discard from their minds all sentimental considerations, and to take only a common sense view of the case which the evidence, in their opinion, had made out against the accused. Now the act which the accused were charged with doing, would be an act either of omission or commission. The case against them was that they used improper materials in the construction of the scaffolding, and that they put it up in an improper manner. According to the contract which the accused had signed they were bound to provide proper materials for the scaffolding. It was said that the contract was signed by only one of the accused as a member of the contractors' firm, but his lordship told the jury that the other partner was equally liable for the accident with the one who had signed the contract. His lordship reviewed the evidence called in the case, and told the jury to take a common sense view of the questions that were presented for their consideration.

The jury retired for consultation, and on their return into Court after about half an hour, the foreman said the jury unanimously found both the accused not guilty of the charges laid against them. The jury joined in the following rider—We are of opinion that provision should be made in the Municipal building bye-laws for the proper supervision of scaffoldings, so that there may not be such accidents in future.

The two accused were discharged.

HOUSE BREAKING AND THEFT.

Without Mahadu, a young Maratha, was charged with housebreaking on the night of the 3rd July last, and with theft of ornaments and other property of the value of about Rs. 359 belonging to Krishnaji Sadashiv. Mr. Faiz B. Tyebjee appeared for the prosecution; the prisoner was not defended. It appeared that the complainant, on hearing a cry of thief got up in his house at Gaewadi, Girgaum, and found that a door between his front and back rooms was closed. He had it opened by his aunt, and on looking round found that one of the bars of a window in the back room had been broken, and entrance had been effected into the room. He then missed a box containing ornaments and other property. On looking in the compound of the house, he found some clothes lying scattered about on the ground. A neighbour of the complainant, on opening his door, had observed two men with a box in the compound of the house; he roused a cry and chased them, but they got over the wall and escaped. Prisoner was stopped by a policeman on suspicion and on his being searched, the complainant's ornaments were found in his dhotar, with a big nail concealed in his umbrella. The jury, after a short consultation found the prisoner not guilty; and he was discharged.

A SIMILAR OFFENCE.

Guffoor Husani was charged with house-breaking and theft of some ornaments belonging to Shaikh Yakoob Hakim from his house at Valpacady, Mazagon, on the 10th August last. Mr. N. B. Gojdar appeared for the prosecution. On the evening of the day in question the complainant left his house for the dock, leaving a boy in charge of his room. In consequence of information received he went back to the house soon afterwards, and found that his box was missing.

The trial was not finished when the Court adjourned until this morning.

BROUGHAM AND PAIR IN AN AREA.

AN exciting scene was witnessed at Palace-court Bayswater. A brougham and pair belonging to Mr. Dennis Samuels was standing outside his residence waiting to take him to the City. Suddenly, from some unexplained cause, the pair of horses bolted. The coachman unsuccessfully tried to stop them. The animals dashed along to the bottom of the Court, and crossed into Moscow-road, where the roadway is particularly narrow. They had no opportunity of turning, with the result that they crashed into a heavy iron railing surrounding Palace-court mansions. The animals carried away over twenty feet of the railings, together with the stone coping in which the rails were fixed, and dropped with the carriage twelve feet into the area below. Beyond a severe shaking the coachman escaped uninjured. The horses were only slightly injured, but the brougham was much damaged. The horses remained in the area for a considerable time.

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THE ARMY IN INDIA.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR EDWIN COLLEN, late Military Member of the Council, lectured some time ago before the Royal United Service Institution on the "Administration and Organisation of the Army in India." That lecture has now been reproduced in pamphlet form by Messrs. Kehiler and Co. of King William-Street, London, and is available to those who would learn something of the Army which holds for us this vast empire. Sir Edwin was once accused of pessimism in military affairs, but he declares himself optimist enough to believe that we have in India an army administration and organisation—the offspring of years of thought and labour—suited to the needs of the country; that, in the officers serving here we have a body of most capable and hard-working men and that in the Army of India, England possesses a military force which has given signal proof of its devotion and of its power to take part in the defence of the British Empire. At the same time Sir Edwin Collen places on record his conviction that the Indian Army is small enough for the work it may have to do. The development of the railway system, he remarks, has increased our power, but long of railway have to be maintained in security, and our aims should be to follow up the steps we have taken already, and render the army capable of larger expansion from the vast resources we possess, that we should strive more more to increase the Field Army, that we should never rest until India has become a perfect base of operations in the East and Far East, and that without sacrificing the truest interests of India, we should strive to unite more closely the Armies of the East and West. The Indian Army exists for the defence of India and the suppression of internal rebellion, but these objects are compatible with its power to take its place in the scheme of Imperial Defence. And we have been led very clearly to understand that, although India must support that Army, it is to be available for service in any part of the world wherever it may be called upon. Sir Edwin Collen might not have told us that whilst he held office at Simla, but he occupies a position of greater freedom and less responsibility now.

Quite thoughtfully Sir Edward Collen puts his figures in an appendix, and it is of interest to read his comparison of the Army of 1857 and of the present day. At that time it stood at forty-thousand European troops and 310,000 native troops. But to-day we have seventy-four thousand British troops, 158,000 native troops or with their reserves 183,000—a total of 257,000. But there is a second line of auxiliary forces, consisting of the Volunteers, to be reckoned as part of the British forces, the troops maintained by Native States for Imperial service, the regiments of the Frontier Militia and the corps of Military police, so that the total British forces including the Volunteers number 106,000 and native forces 227,000 a grand total of 333,000 as against 350,000 at the time of the Mutiny. Describing the administration of the Army, Sir Edwin observes that the first and central fact to fix upon is that the Viceroy as the representative of the Crown, and the Governor-General-in-Council, is by his warrant of appointment from the Sovereign, responsible for the superintendence, direction and control of the whole military government. The supreme authority rests with the Governor-General-in-Council, the Council being the Cabinet of the Indian Empire. Two military authorities share the burden of work between them, the Commander-in-chief and the military member of Council, the latter being responsible for the Army Departments of supply, transport, remounts, ordnance, military works and finance; thus leaving the Commander-in-Chief, whose colleague he is, free to command the Army, to supervise its preparation for War in every branch of this immense business and to satisfy himself by personal inspection that it is in a state of readiness. The Military Department Sir Edwin describes as "a War Office of very moderate dimensions, and a central office and agency through which military business is submitted to the Viceroy and, if necessary, to the Council." If we grasp these cardinal facts of Indian Army administration, we can easily fill in the details. We can also see how potential of danger the system may be, for with an anti-military Viceroy we might find ourselves in very much the position at the out break of war as the Russians do in the Far East at the present time.

The leading principles of Army administration in India are the separation between command and administration; that the commander and the administrator have seats in the Council; the preservation of the influence of the Commander-in-Chief on every important question of Army business by his presence in Council and by his relations with the heads of Departments and that every appointment connected with the Army in command or administrations is filled from the Army. On the subject of organisation the late Military Member shows that for many years after the Mutiny native regiments were officered on what was called the irregular system, the system which existed in the days of Clive, under which there were very few British officers in native regiments. Changes in modern warfare and in training as well as the great demand now made for officers, have necessitated their increase, and a further increase to the officers of the Indian Army will be needed if it is to be capable of great expansion. After describing the constitution of the different regiments, Sir Edwin explained the principles on which the Indian Army is organised for war mobilisation by divisions and brigades formed of units drawn, wherever possible, from one area and from particular stations. The essential points to bear in mind are that the territorial division of India is the basis of effective mobilisation, that the mobilisation equipment is in possession of regiments, that every unit in India has its camp equipage and ammunition in its own charge or close at hand the stores of field service clothing and supplies are at certain centres, and the ordnance and engineer parks in readiness in the arsenals. It is not claimed for India that it can set the field in motion with the rigid symmetry which is possible in other countries, because uniform distribution is impracticable, and we cannot recruit uniformly, though a good deal may still be done to approach the ideal simplicity of mobilisation. Improvements have been and are still steadily going on. They will never stop, Sir Edwin Collen ventures to think, and that the present Commander-in-Chief will presently apply himself to the remedying existing defects. He will not deny that there are some, but he asks that in commenting on them we shall temper our criticism with knowledge and justice, being specially cautious how we handle the native army and the political conditions bound up with it.

THE COURT OF WARDS BILL.

If testimony were needed of the acceptability and recognised necessity of the Court of Wards Bill, it was forthcoming in the extreme tenuity of the criticism of the first reading. It is true that the Hon. Mr. Parekh, as in duty bound, declared that he was not satisfied that the measure ought to be adopted. That is the attitude that we expect Mr. Parekh to assume in relation to most proposals of Government; but in this instance the value of the "Opposition" was depreciated by painfully laborious effort to find fault with the Bill. That only minor details could be found to supply the text for criticism indicates the care that has been taken in drafting the measure. The instructive explanation of the scope and aim of the Bill given by Sir James Monteath supports the view that it is a measure which has been well considered. While avoiding any arbitrary interference or a grandmotherly attitude towards those whom it is designed to benefit, Government have framed a Bill whose operation should be of great value to the estates of minors or incapable or embarrassed land holders. The principal objections urged against the first reading were that the scope of the measure was too wide and that it imposed undue restrictions on the successors of persons who may apply for its benefits. The effective answer to both objections is contained in Sir James Monteath's clear exposition of the Bill. In the first place it is a permissive measure, and the cases of minors and lunatics being admitted, it can only be applied to others either on the holder's application or because, on grounds stated in the Bill, it is desirable that the Court of Wards should take over the management of the estates. To the objection against restrictions against alienation and encumbrances applying to the successors of Wards, it is replied that the value of the Act would be neutralised if after its affairs had been set right by the Court the succeeding holders were free to encumber an estate beyond their individual lives. Most of the people for whom the benefit of the measure is primarily intended enjoy properties granted to an ancestor for services to the State and it is held that the condition of such grants restricted each possessor to a life interest only in order that the family might be maintained in a position of independence and influence.

The necessity for the present and other measures already in force has arisen from the tendency of extravagant and incapable holders to embarrass the estates beyond the extent of their own lives; and in undertaking to set matters straight, Government quite rightly provide that the conditions of the original grant shall be observed. The other objections to details of the Bill arose from the inclination of the legal mind to read into it things which were not apparent to the lay intellect. Of this order seemed to be the criticism that the Bill proposed to disqualify women as such. A perusal of the preceding clauses of the section made it clear that this was not the intention, but that inability to manage her estate because of being a woman would be sufficient ground for a woman to receive the benefit of the Act. That is not the same thing as declaring that if a landed estate be owned by a woman the Collector is to apply to have her declared unfit to manage her property. But as the subtlety of the legal mind has suggested the possibility of misinterpretation the phraseology of the clause will doubtless be changed to place the intention of the measure beyond doubt. Clearly the provision is devised to cover the case of "Purdah" ladies whom custom and lack of education combine to make victims of those about them. The Hon. Mr. Parekh considers that the Bill will create indifference and carelessness in the minds of the landholders with regard to their properties and will make them less capable of managing their estates. Experience in other Provinces and the established necessity for some such measure in Bombay refute Mr. Parekh. If certain of the holders of ancestral estates were not now incapable, improvident and careless, there would have been no need for Government to take them in hand; while the influence of the Court of Wards is likely to have a valuable disciplinary effect after its direct control has been removed, especially with the restrictions which are wisely proposed to be imposed in certain cases.

JAPAN'S COMMERCE.

At the present juncture when the eyes of the world are on Japan, an admirably written account of the commercial and industrial situation in Japan by Mr. G. Barclay, the Secretary to the British Legation at Tokio, which has just been published by the Foreign Office, will have more than an ordinary interest. During the past year, Mr. Barclay finds there has been no revival of industrial enterprise, and the features mentioned in the last trade report from the Legation as marking the close of 1902, i. e., quiet markets and full banks, have been more in evidence in 1903. In the summer the prospect of an excellent rice crop gave some hope of an improvement, but though the harvest was good, the anxiety caused by the international situation made any revival impossible. Even before the autumn, the effect of the war clouds gathering over Japan was felt in business circles, and the close of the year was marked by pronounced industrial depression with, relatively speaking, abundance of unemployed capital. Nevertheless, 1903 witnessed a large increase in Japan's foreign trade, both her exports and her imports reaching levels never previously recorded. In the imports, next to rice, the most important increases are shown in sugar, flour, iron and steel manufactures, wheat, beans and wool, while serious decreases are noticeable in raw cotton and cotton manufactures. Of the principal exports, cotton yarn, tea, coal and copper, all show large increases, and except in the case of rice and floor matting there are no decreases of any magnitude. This increase in Japan's foreign trade is the more satisfactory in that it synchronised with a dull money market and the same restriction of facilities on the part of the native banks as obtained in 1902, a fact which would seem to indicate that the business done was on a sound basis, and there is no doubt that the country's trade was ripe for further expansion, had political conditions remained normal. As regards Japan's imports and her total volume of trade, it is extremely satisfactory to learn that the British Empire easily heads both lists with 39 per cent of the former and 31 per cent of the latter. With the exception, however, of India, which, thanks to an unprecedented demand for her rice, has found Japan a better customer than ever before, the Empire's trade with Japan does not compare favourably with 1902, imports from the United Kingdom showing a very serious shrinkage in cotton manufactures.

MR. MOLLISON, Inspector-General of Agriculture, probably proceeds Home shortly on one year's furlough.

MAJOR DE LOTBINIERE'S deputation to Kashmir to advise the Durbar on an electric power scheme for Srinagar has already been announced. On his way to Kashmir it is probable that Major de Lotbiniere will visit Mussoorie to advice the Municipal Board on a scheme for the introduction of electric lighting and water-supply.

WITH the object of extending the use of quinine among the poorer classes of this Presidency and of having a uniform size and price of a packet of quinine throughout India, Government have arranged for the sale of quinine in packets of 7grains at one pice per packet instead of packets of 5 grains at two pies per packet. The rules for the sale of the drug have been slightly modified in consequence and the revised rules are now published.

THE goods traffic on the B. B. and C. I. Railway for the week ending 13th August 1904, shows an increase over the corresponding week of 1903 of 50,676 maunds and Rs. 23,071 in the earnings.

THE Bhartpur cart train for Tibet will mobilise at a strength of 550 mules and 250 carts. Captain Fagan, Assistant Inspecting Officer, Rajputana Imperial Service Cavalry, and another selected officer will go with the train.

WE noticed some time ago that in certain districts of the Punjab the harvest could not be reaped owing to the ravages of plague. The Local Government have remitted a preparation of the land revenue where crops have been left to rot on the ground.

THE following story comes from Rangoon. A Burman, some months ago, attended a Court sale when some 60 acres of paddyland were being sold by the Bailiff of the Court situated some 10 or 11 miles from town. His bidding was thought somewhat reckless as he always overtopped others by Rs. 5 where Re. 1 would have been sufficient. Eventually he was declared the purchaser of the 60 acres at Rs. 45 per acre. He had no money with him, but was thought good enough to trust till they returned to town. The purchaser went and begged the amount from his senior wife. She, after upbraiding him with his various bad habits and the folly of buying land in the jungle at such a price, produced the hard cash which was duly handed over to the Bailiff. A week or two ago it was discovered that a new extension of the railway goes alongside the land, and the new owner has had an offer of Rs. 500 per acre for it and, like Oliver Twist, is asking for more.

MR. WILLIAM O'BRIEN, who recently resigned his seat in the House of Commons for Cork City, owing to a quarrel with Mr. John Redmond, the leader of the Nationalist Party, whom Mr. O'Brien regards as being too conciliatory, has been re-elected for his old constituency unopposed.

ACCORDING to Berlin correspondent of the 'Doctor' in a Silesian mining district claims to have done coal-dust has, a drying and disinfecting influence of developments in the lungs. It is proposed to erect for consumptives in the district referred to, in order to test the efficacy of the new cure.

A MIDLAND firm has been mulcted in a fine of £50 for making application for an overdue account on a postcard and in a libellous way. In this instance it happened to be a disputed item; but in any event applications for money on postcards are offensive. The custom is a growing one, and should be stopped. With credit-notes it is quits another matter, Nobody likes people to know what they owe, but everybody likes their credit to be spread broadcast.

SIR EDMUND MONSON for whom, in the language of Sir John Moore's poet, "the clock strikes the hour for retiring," has heard, or was under the impression that he heard, that clock strike once before. It was a good while ago, and it was, fortunately, quite an erroneous impression. But, as a matter of fact, when he was third Secretary, at Brussels, in 1835, he took it into his head to resign. He was actually going to give up for party what was meant for mankind. He asked Reigate to send him to Parliament.

GRANT RICHARDS, the London Publisher, is bringing out a volume of poems by the next month to be called "Poems in Divers Keys" (price 3-6.) By Scott Craven. We do not know how few or how many in India these days ever associate the name of Scott Craven,—the name he assumed on entering the dramatic profession, and by which he is now practically exclusively known—with that of Harvey James, the younger son of the Late Law Secretary to the Government of India, and for over four years, the Simla representative of the "Bombay Gazette." Yet they are one and the same "person"

IN connection with the present-day popularity of the "Tannhauser" Overture, it is of interest to hark back fifty-seven years to a little entry in Robert Schumann's "Operatic Note-book, 1847-1850," setting down that great composer-critic's impression on a first hearing of the opera at Dresden. The passage is dated August 7, 1847, and reads as follows:—This is an opera that cannot be spoken of in this brief manner. It is certainly a genial work. Were Wagner as melodious a composer as he is an intellectual one, he would be the man of our time. I defer to a future article the many things this opera deserves to have said about it.

RUSSIA AND THE WAR.

THE FEELING OF THE EMPIRE.

FOR rather more than two months I have been travelling from place to place in Russia and have spent nearly all my time hearing what different Russians have to say about the war. I will not report my own views, but theirs as expressed to me.

The expansion of Russia towards the East has a long history. There was a time when a Mongolian prince was suzerain of Moscow. The movement has had three distinct motive forces, all represented in present public opinion here. There has been the innate and traditional instinct of colonisation amongst the people; for Russia, from the beginning of her history and by the nature of her surroundings, was always a colonising nation, and that Eastwards. There has been the resistance and advance of Christendom, as against heathendom; this instinct is interwoven with the whole story of the Tartar yoke, and there is hardly a town in the real Russia which has not this tradition. There has been the definite policy of the Government, which has accepted blockade from the side of Constantinople as after all a not wholly inconvenient shutting-off of European ambitions and ideas, and has proposed to the young men of Russia as a substitute for Westernising reforms the vast and vague idea of a huge Continental mission on the side of Asia.

The general interest in the extreme East is very small but is certainly growing, writes a correspondent in Russia to the "Westminster Gazette." "Some look on the present war as an education of the people in this sense. Still, the average man says: "What is Manchuria to us? We can get nothing by this war which we did not have before." Some add that Russia is, in the event of success, only opening up a field for English, German, American, and Chinese capital in Manchuria. The peasants are very strongly interested in the newspapers; they know too that they must go if needed and that Russia has got to win; but I don't think that they are at all interested in Manchuria as a country as yet. Even letters from the front, quoted to me, say practically nothing except about personal comforts and discomforts.

The religious instinct has been strongly appealed to by the Government, but, I think, with very little effect. Priests and monks naturally think much of this side of the question. Shcherbatoff advancing with cross raised on high into the midst of the battle, as many Russian priests have done before him (for example, at Maloyaroslavetz,) has been sanctified not only by the opinion of the Government but by that of the mass of the people. The peasants do not exaggerate this view; they take it into consideration. All Russian battle-feeling is largely religious. But I don't think that any but a very, very few look upon this war as in any sense a religious one and very many of the intelligent are, on the contrary, disgusted with any official preaching—any identification of religion with policy.

The political interest in the war is very small indeed. Whether a reaction against the Eastern policy of the Government will lead to home reforms is a separate question and one difficult to judge; but no one can maintain that the war was from the first national.

As to the events immediately leading up to the fighting there is practically only one opinion; that is, that the war is undesirable and disastrous. I have only heard one Russian speak of speculation as one of its causes and of illegitimate gains of contractors and officials. If there is any truth in these suggestions it is certain that most people in the country districts do not know anything of it. The general view is that war was desirable for Japan but not so for Russia; that Japan would not have dared to move without direct moral support and indirect real support from England and America; and that the policy of the Russian Government was not guided by a strong hand but forced by events. Such a view on this point increases the resentment at there being any war at all; but this resentment falls far less upon the home Government than upon England and America as supporters of Japan.

So much for what precedes the actual fighting.

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Whatever people here may think of the causes of the war, practically all are now united in the determination to carry it through to a successful end. This is the personal feeling, rather than the opinion, of a quite overwhelming majority. Of course a personal share in the direction of public affairs is denied to the vast majority of the nation, and thus there is a general apathy towards any details of administration. But that man would be quite misled who, judging by isolated instances of opposition, set the Government on one side in this matter and the nation on the other. As to the broad question of success or failure, this war is now a national war.

This is not a result of any national hatred of the Japanese. All sorts of vicious and jory caricatures have been issued by the cheap Press, but no one talks like the Press about Japan, except some of the peasants at their worst (for instance, after too much drink). On the other hand, some newspapers and some street literature circulate interesting, dispassionate, and often pleasing information about Japan and its people. I have more than once heard the Russia phrase "Good lads" (molodtsy) applied to the Japanese army and navy, with no prejudice against patriotism on the contrary in the quiet assurance of it.

The Government made a strong appeal to passion on the score that the Japanese began the war without a formal declaration. Its epithet "perfidious" I have heard repeated on the stage, but nowhere else. In conversation this issue is dismissed with a laugh. "They have no room,' say some of my informants, "and they could not wait for ever for an answer. Another describes the delay of the Russian answer as "at the least very discourteous."

There are many more articles in the newspapers directed against England and America than against the Japanese. Altogether the question of England's attitude occupies the public mind much more than Japan. As to Japan, it is assumed that complete victory has got to be won, and there is an end of the matter.

As to the course which the war has taken so far, Russian opinion is such as to need a good deal of explanation.

The character of the news offered to the Russian public, and the whole tone of opinion as formed by this news, is quite surprising to an Englishman. More news seems to come here by Western telegraphic agencies than by any other way, but it is so distorted as to be hardly recognisable when compared with the full reports of an English newspaper. The question is one of proportion. Certainly much information that is quite adverse to the official view is admitted to print; but the general atmosphere of the news here is such that the Government may be said to have been quite successful in minimising disasters so far as it chose to minimise them.

But, after all, the position here is not so very unlike that which existed in England at the time of the South African war. Here, too, as in our Black Fortnight there has been talk of national humiliation before Heaven. But even if the enemy is regarded as dangerous, all fear as to the final result is thrown off by a kind of all-confident belief in Russia's strength. The street caricatures are very much beforehand with the pictures of the Japanese rout. People talk easily of the "tactics of Moscow." "It may be a year, or even two," they say; "but there is sure to be a panic amongst them soon; wait till the first real general engagement"; and they have no doubt at all that Russia will in the end dictate her own terms in Tokio. We may remember stories of luggage labelled to Pretoria; and some are already discussing Japan's ability to pay up, in the spirit of Tenniel's famous cartoon of Kruger and the Bankruptcy Court.

Questions of detail trouble people here too little. There is the question of railway transport, dismissed as only a question of time. The most serious issue is of course, the destiny of Port Arthur and the possibility of reconquering it if taken. The Russians will, I think, only realise the gravity of this question when it arises; it seems to me that so far as the enemy is concerned this line is the right one; but I fear that the artificial soothing of home opinion may lead to a terrible awkening. The Baltic Fleet is generally expected to arrive with little difficulty and to completely change the aspect of affairs; but some few of the more intelligent have their own misgivings and understand how inopportune it is, in this connexion, to welcome any quarrel with England.

KUROPATKIN'S RETREAT.

STACKELBERG ESCAPES.

JAPANESE STILL ATTACKING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, SEPT. 4.

Reuter (St. Petersburg) says that a despatch from General Kuropatkin, dated 7 o'clock in the evening of the 3rd instant states that the greater part of the Army, including General Stackelberg's Corps which succeeded in r joining the main force, is now south of the Yentai mines.

A telegram from Saigon states that the commander of the "Diana" has been ordered by the Russian Admiralty to disarm.

A telegram from Reuter (Tokio) dated the 4th instant says that General Oyama reports that General Kuroki has swung round sharply to westward in order to reach the Railway and envelop Liao-yang.

The Russians burned the store-houses near the Liao-yang Station on Saturday.

General Oyama's left and centre Armies are still attacking the Russians south and west of the walls of Liao-yang.

After the fighting last night, Liao-yang fell entirely into our hands this morning.

Our casualties are believed to be heavy.

Mr. S. Hayashi, Consul for Japan, at Bombay, received the following telegram on Sunday from his Government:—

Marshal Ohyama reports at 9 p.m. of the 3rd instant, our Central and left Armies continue to attack the enemy on the south and west sides of Liao-yang.

All buildings near the Railway station, apparently godowns, were burnt on Saturday.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY]

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 5.

General Kuropatkin wires on the 3rd instant that the area of operations is covered with tall millet which greatly impedes the movements of the troops

The Japanese concealed in the millet inflicted heavy losses. One of Orloff's regiments alone lost 1,500 men

The evacuation of Liao-yang has shaken public confidence at St. Petersburg in General Kuropatkin.

Colombo telegrams, dated September 5, state:—

Advices from Hong-kong state that desertions from Port Arthur are very frequent.

The Russians are still enlisting Chinese as soldiers and railway guards, and paying them twelve dollar monthly.

The Russian losses to date in killed, wounded missing and sick are estimated at fifty thousand.

The garrison at Port Arthur are living on horse flesh.

The Korean Emperor and the Crown Prince have contributed a hundred thousand yen towards the Relief Fund for the assistance of the families of Japanese soldiers.

There is great discontent among the Chinese because they are unable to resume their trade with Dalny and Niuchwang, which is being monopolised by the Japanese.

The Askold and Grosovoi have been disarmed

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY]

BRITISH ARMY MANŒUVRES

Stampede of Horses.

LONDON, SEPT. 4.

Army manœuvres of a unique description have begun with General French's force which has embarked at Southampton and sailed to invade East Anglia where General Methuen is defending.

LONDON, SEPTEMBER 5.

A stampede of seven hundred cavalry horses took place in General French's encampment near Southampton yesterday which provided an exciting prelude to the manœuvres. The animals careered all over the place and galloped for miles over the country. Many were killed and injured and several drowned in the sea.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, SEPTEMBER 5.

A special cablegram to the "Englishman," dated London September 4, says that two thousand horses assembled at Southampton for the Army manœuvres stampeded and rushed the lines causing great damage. Many animals were drowned and killed and several men were injured.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LORD CURZON'S RETURN

Farewell to the King.

LONDON SEPT. 5.

Lord and Lady Curzon had a farewell audience of their Majesties yesterday previous to returning to India.

THE GERMAN CROWN PRINCE.

Bethrothal Announced.

LONDON, SEPT. 5.

The German Crown Prince is betrothed to the Duchess Cecilie of Mecklenburg.

THE IN-COMING MAILS.

ADEN, SEPT. 5.

The P. and O. S. N. Co's steamer Caledonia with English mails of the 26th ultimo left here for Bombay at 11 a m to-day and steamer Britannia left for Colombo and Australia at same time and date.

THE P. and O. Company's s. s. Caledonia with the outward Mails of the 26th ultimo left Aden at 11a m yesterday and is expected to arrive in Bombay at 5 A M on Saturday next.

IRRIGATION IN INDIA.

CONFERENCE OF ENGINEERS.

ADDRESS BY MR. PRESTON.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, SEPT. 5.

Mr. Sidney Preston's speech as president of the Irrigation Conference here summarises the progress made in connection with each province of India in the matter of irrigation since 1869, and shows that in that period the total capital invested has risen from seven crores of rupees to thirty-nine crores, and the total area irrigated from seven million acres to nearly eighteen million. It gives credit for suggesting the holding of the present conference to Mr. Mackenzie of Madras and observes that each province has something to teach to others, some invention or practice which is more or less peculiar to itself, and if the result of the meeting is that the good things of one province become known to and are copied by engineers elsewhere, the trouble incurred by members in coming so far will have been more than repaid.

The speech continues "there is no intention of making these meetings annual occurrences, but in the course of a few years such further progress may have been made in irrigation science in some parts of India as will warrant a second conference."

Mr. Preston concluded as follows: "I will not refer to the future. There are still some large works to carry out in Madras, the Punjab and Sind, and numerous smaller ones in other provinces, and I envy the younger members of our profession who will have charge of them and who in another 15 or 20 years will be able to record a vast increase in the area irrigated in this country."

Referring to the specialities of the different Provinces in the matter of Irrigation Mr. Sidney Preston said. The large gates of 40 feet span and 10 feet deep described in Mr. Mackenzie's paper and a model of which is exhibited are, as far as I am aware, peculiar to Madras. I discovered them during my tour this year and I am inclined to think that as a result of the conference we shall see them copied in the Punjab at least. Bombay has an extremely good form of automatic gate on the escapes of its large reservoirs. The Punjab has perhaps advanced most in the matter of water distribution by carrying a Government distributary to every village and in surveying and aligning and in some cases constructing village watercourses to individual holdings. This has been already copied and I dare say improved on in Sind. The United Provinces has erected some extremely efficient shutters on the top of the Fetma Meer which have increased the storage capacity of the reservoir by 40 per cent. I do not propose to detain you with a long history of the present state of irrigation in India but, a brief account of the progress made in each Province during the last 35 years may not be out of place. I do not think that generally we have improved much on the grand works designed by Sir Proby Cautly in the United Provinces by Colonel Dyas in the Punjab or by Sir Arthur Cotton in Madras. Our canals are still modelled on the lines they laid down and the improvements made since have been mainly in details and this leads me to throw out a suggestion which I hope may bear first, namely that an endeavour be made in each province to form a gallery of portraits of engineers who have designed, constructed and developed the grand works which are now in our charge but which in due course we shall have to hand over to others. I am glad to say this has already been done in both the Punjab and the United Provinces, and I desire now to commend the suggestion to the engineers of Bengal, Madras and Bombay. I cannot but think that it must be of interest to our successors to be able to see what the men were like who initiated the great canals of the country such as Rundall, Haig, Levenge, Mennb and Odling in Bengal, Fife Merriman Hughes and Whiting in Bombay, and Cotton, Anderson, Mullins and others in Madras.

SERIOUS RAILWAY COLLISION.

FIVE MEN KILLED.

CALCUTTA, SEPTEMBER 5.

A serious collision occurred early yesterday morning at Machpara Station, 23 miles from Goalundo, between the up Goaluado mail and a down goods train. Five men who were travelling in a treasure van in charge of the treasure were killed.

There were no other casualties, and it was expected the road would be cleared by last evening. Mr. Manson, the Manager, and Mr. Kiernander the Traffic Superintendent, E. B. S. Railway, were travelling in the Goalundo mail and everthing possible was done for the passengers and for the restoration of traffic.

The line to Darjeeling is not affected by the accident.

HEAVY RAIN AT MUSSOORIE.

A SINGULAR ACCIDENT.

A Mussoorie correspondent writes on August 29 that the abnormal quantity of rain that has fallen has caused serious damage in Landour, and rumour has it that a portion of a fairly large building was carried bodily down the hill and settled itself comfortably several yards from its original site and, what seems even more incredible, without waking the sleeping occupants who were only aroused by the shouting and cries of alarm by the neighbours. The house belongs to a native pleader named Anand Narain.

ACTION AGAINST RANGOON TURF STEWARDS.

APPEAL DISMISSED,

RANGOON, SEPT. 5.

The Divisional Bench on the Appellate side, consisting of Sir Thirkell White, Chief Judge, and Mr. Justice Bigge, to-day, decided the appeal of Mr. Francis Goodliffe from a decree passed by Mr. Justice Chitty on the Original side, dismissing the suit brought for a temporary injunction to restrain the Rangoon Race Stewards from demolishing the old racestand and expending the Race funds on a new course.

The Appellate Court dismissed the appeal with costs.

CRICKET IN POONA.

POONA VS. BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

POONA, SEPT. 5.

The annual cricket match Poona versus Bombay Gymkhana will commence to-morrow. The following represent Poona:—Captain Greig, Captain of the team and Messrs. Hartley, Dickson, Noake, Butler, Carroll, Watkins, Major Leslie, General Spens Colonel Stevens and another.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

South African Trade.

COTTON CROP PROSPECTS.

THE ENGLISH WOOL TRADE.

LONDON, AUGUST 19.

A distinctly depressing influence upon our export trade is the present stagnant condition of the South African market. Although our over-seas trade shows a marked increase to the end of July as compared with the first seven months of last year, yet the returns would have been much more favourable had South African purchases been on the level of last year. The July returns would have shown an increase instead of a decrease. This shrinkage is not confined to any special department of trade; it is felt in textiles, metals, machinery, and general merchandise. The only notable exception is mining machinery. The total exports from Great Britain to South Africa during the first half of the year amounted to £4,375,143, compared with £7,156,323 in the corresponding half of last year. During the autumn of 1902 and the early month, of 1903 there was an immense amount of over-stocking. This resulted in a serious monetary stringency towards the end of last year. The banks withdrew their supports in many cases, with the result that bills were not taken up; and generally an unhealthy atmosphere was created. It was assumed by many that the passing of the Chinese labour ordinances would clear the air, but the commercial paralysis still persists.

It is now urged that a Stock Exchange revival is imperative if South Africa is to revive. Those who make this contention forget that Stock Exchange values reflect commercial conditions; they do not create them. It is true that capital may be unlocked during a speculative boom; but the results are invariably transient and unsatisfying. The truth would seem to be that South Africa must patiently recuperate after the devastating effects of the war. None the less, a spirit of hopefulness is growing. The Cape Premier has recently said that the present depression is only temporary and that the Government hoped to avoid retrenchment, as there was every reason to expect a trade revival. Yet the Government does not show the courage of its conviction, if we are to judge by the cutting down of its expenditure upon the harbour works at Port Elizabeth and East London, whilst the improvements at Cape town have apparently been stopped. This curtailment has been insisted upon despite the warnings of the chief officials that it will be exceedingly difficult to reassemble the dispersed staffs. It yet remains to be seen whether the optimists will be justified. A strong element of hopefulness has its commercial value, however, and it may be the harbinger of better things. Meanwhile the factors that restrain trade are being seriously discussed—American and German competition, the effect of the new import taxes, the efficient administration of the railways, and other important points.

Above all, the problem of the shipping rings absorbs attention. It is necessary to remember that there are wheels within wheels in discussing this perplexing problem. It is not merely a case of merchant fighting shipowner. If this were all, if there were no complications, the difficulty could be solved with but little trouble. But there are many South African merchants who benefit enormously by the continuance of the rings, and two classes in particular, viz. those who would suffer if the rings were dissolved and the various shipping companies were to fill up vessels with their own merchandise, and those who already have a settled connection and who accordingly find the continuance of the rings a sort of barrier against new competitors. The shipping rings must conciliate this second section by charging such freight rates as will discourage new competitors, but at the same time their rates must not be so high as to encourage foreign competitors. When, therefore, Americans or German secure better terms, the rings are to some extent embarrassed. Thus, paradoxically enough, the excuse given for the advantage at present enjoyed by American competitors is the existence of outside shipowners who remorselessly cut the rates from New York. If only these "pirates" could be run off the seas all would be well; the shipping rings would secure their profits and British exporters would not be penalised.

It does not occur to the apologists that unduly high freight rates add enormously to the selling cost, and in consequence discourage sales and deepen the depression. Inasmuch as South Africa depends upon outside countries for a large proportion of its foodstuffs and for practically all its manufactured commodities, high shipping charges in a time of financial stringency mean small sales, and existing evil conditions are intensified. Further the maintenance of artificially high prices establishes a false standard, which must inevitably be undercut by some enterprising competitor, probably America. It is fortunately true that England still possesses the lion's share of South African trade, but American, is making marked headway. Thus last year she exported to South Africa goods to the value of £6,313,459. A large proportion of these exports is non-competitive, but when the lines of communication have been established competitive goods are apt to follow. Making all allowances for the various adverse influences at work in South Africa, it is difficult to avoid the conclusion that costs must be brought down, and a potent factor in achieving this end is to compel the shipping rings to be servants and not dictators. The mercantile community must be master in its own household.

There is hardly any happier time of the year to English sheep farmers than "clipping time," and sheep this season have been mustered and shorn with more than usual satisfaction. A rise of at least 2d. per lb. in the value of the clip is no small matter to the farmers, and the sensibly increased returns from this source will do something towards compensating them for the disappointing lambing season. After the very wet summer of last year something was needed to inspire agriculturists with renewed hope. However, the corner seems to have been turned, and they record hay crops which have just been reaped, along with the general forward condition of other farm crops, have put a brighter complexion on many a farmer's affairs. Thanks to the change in the home wool market during the past year, fleeces are no longer regarded by the English sheep farmer as a "by product." Such a leading description of wool as Lincoln wethers has more than doubled in price during the past two years, and all other grades of wool are up anywhere from 50 to 100 per cent. The present generation of wool growers has never seen such a transformation in so short a period. The following table shows the number of sheep in Great Britain in each year during the past decade:—

Year.	Total.
1894	25,851,500
1895	25,792,195
1896	26,705,329
1897	26,340,440
1898	26,743,194
1899	27,238,754
1900	26,592,223
1901	26,377,200
1902	25,795,761
1903	25,639,797

The question has often been asked. What really is the annual value of the entire wool-clip of the United Kingdom? Last year the wool grown in the United Kingdom was estimated at 133,124,762 pounds, the lowest clip produced since 1889. Perhaps it is not extravagant to reckon this wool as worth to-day, all round, 9d. per pound, this giving us a value of nearly £5,000,000. This amount of money set into circulation is bound to have a stimulating effect upon business in country districts, and many a farmer's wife and daughters up and down the country will, we may be sure, transact an increased business with the draper. The cause of this prosperity—the present boom in crossbred wools—is no doubt itself due to fashions in dress and the universal demand for inexpensive apparel, as well as to the great shrinkage in wool exports from Australia and the diminution of all wool stocks throughout the world. Consumption during the last two years in crossbred wools has been on a very heavy scale, and the fact also that the Japanese Government has placed heavy orders in the hands of manufacturers for very coarse fabrics has helped to bring about the present satisfactory state of the home wool market. The following table shows the difference in wool values since the bottom was touched three years ago:—

Description.	Lowest point. Nov. 1901. d.	To-day's price. d.
Lincoln hogs	7 3-4	11
Lincoln wethers	4 3-4	11
Deep-grown hogs	5 1-4	11
Deep-grown wethers	4 3-4	10 1-2
Shropshire hogs	8	11 1-2
Irish hogs	6 1-2	12
Half-bred hogs	7	11
North hogs	7	11 1-2
Black-faced white	4	7 1-4
40's crossbred tops	7	14 1-4

For a long time after the disaster to the shellac crop in 1901 prices for shellac to arrive were systematically in advance of spot material, but recently this position has been changed, and futures are now at a discount. It would be a comfort to consumers if they could believe that here was an indication of a much lower range of prices and of a consequent relief to those who are compelled to use shellac as a raw material and yet have very great difficulty in raising the prices of their manufactures. Shellac for December delivery is now some 10s. per cwt. below August, but at the same time the actual price for December is sufficiently high to deter consumers from deriving any advantage from the difference. The price, whether for spot or forward, is still abnormal, and it would be extremely rash to advise forward buying even at the reduction named. The increase in the arrivals is very considerable if comparison be made with 1902, the year after the forest fires, amounting as it does to 30 per cent; but there is not a great difference between this year and last; indeed not nearly so much as might have been expected. The stimulus to gathering afforded by a price fully three times as great as it used to be must necessarily be effective, and hence we are compelled to believe that the exports do not expand again this year simply because the material does not exist in greater quantity.

The slight upward movement in Cleveland iron which has characterised the markets of the last month seems to be accepted by some persons as an indication of general improvement in the iron trade. The difference in value is comparatively insignificant. The market was falling up to July 20, when the lowest price for warrants was 42s. 6d., and the present quotation is only about 1s. per ton more. It is true that if there had been a slow general improvement in pig iron prices throughout the country, extending over a month, and amounting to 1s. per ton, we might be justified in believing that the iron trade, as a whole, was in a better position but such a general improvement is not visible, and it would seem safer to attribute the movement in Cleveland iron to purely local causes. No doubt at one time the speculative markets in Middlesbrough and Glasgow were an excellent guide to the condition of trade, but it is very questionable whether so much can now be said. The speculative market in pig iron is far too much under the influence of short warrant stocks, and hence dealing is not nearly so free as it was in the days when Connal's stores held their million tons of iron. Everyone would be glad to see signs of an improvement in the iron trade, but it would be foolish to place faith in indications which, although once fairly trustworthy, have lost some of their former meaning.

Although the imports of tallow during the current year are considerably in excess of those in 1903, they do not reach the totals for the previous year and cannot in any sense be considered extravagant. Hence the decline in value which has characterised the market since January is not directly connected with increased supplies. It is to be noted that tallow has been practically a declining market since 1902, when some very high prices were obtained. One of the reasons for these high prices was no doubt the current values of oils and greases which come into competition with tallow. These are all now upon a very much lower level; cotton-oil, for instance, being some 25 per cent. to 40 per cent. lower than it was in 1902. There is no doubts that the comparative short supplies of 1903 when Australian tallow especially failed to reach us in any quantity, delayed the drop in London prices which was otherwise due. This year Australia is sending a fair average quantity, and the United States appear likely to double their contributions to our stock. Argentine tallow is also becoming a more important factor, and with these circumstances in view it would seem probable that tallow cannot maintain the distance which now seperates it in price from a soap-stock like cotton-oil.

The leading journal in the oil and colour trade (the "Oil and Colour Man's Journal"), referring to the purity of linseed oil, takes exceptions to the supposition that Russed containing as much as 5 per cent of foreign seed—say rape—could be put through the presses by any "honest seed-crusher." The argument did not depend upon the exact quantity, although we should hesitate to say that linseed of 95 per cent purity has never crushed. The point is that linsed oil as it comes from the presses varies considerably in purity, and is "genuine only in a commercial sense. Hence to stipulate "genuine" linseed oil for any particular purpose is not sufficiently explicit. The oil trade paper maintains that 1 per cent of rape is as much as may be expected in ordinary genuine linseed oil, and states that the "influence of such an amount of impurity would be almost nothing." We very much doubt whether 1 per cent is anything like the limit of what we may call "natural adulteration" and if it were it is questionable whether such an amount could be disregarded. No doubt when the oil, is to be used, either as raw oil or as boiled oil, for the purposes of the decorator the 1 per cent of rape or other non-drying oil might not be important but there are other uses, and certainly from the point of view of the manufacturer of waggon-sheets even this small proportion of rape oil would cause serious difficulties. In certain paint-work also, where the object is not so much decoration as protection, the elasticity of the oil midium is the point of paramount importance, and this elasticity can only be fully obtained from a pure oil.

Discussing the United States crop prospects, Messrs. Henry Clews and Co., of New York, in a letter dated August, 6, remark that although maize is somewhat backward and therefore exposed to danger from frost "experts are figuring on a maximum crop of about 2,500,000,000 bushels." The wheat crop, unfortunately, is likely to fall below 600,000,000 bushels and the lowest crop estimate from a source deserving attention puts it at 530,000,000 bushels, as compared with 622,000,000 bushels harvested last year. Last year the equivalent of 126,000,000 bushels was exported, leaving practically no surplus, and it is inferred that there may be little or no wheat available for export from this year's crop. The hay crop promises to be abundant, thanks to a plentiful rainfall at the right time, and of course the prospects of the cotton crop are still exceptionally bright. In this connection Messrs. Clews say:—"The south is believed to have sold a large line of contracts against future receipts, which mills here and in Europe have taken freely around present prices, and thus checked a further decline. The future course of the market hinges on weather conditions, but a drought in the south-west during August would do less damage than usual on account of the comparatively advanced state of the plants and sufficiency of moisture."

It seems impossible to fathom the mineral resources of America. The latest discovery is of magnetite ore in payable quantities near Sycamore, Alabama, in a ridge about a quarter of a mile from the railway. After the preliminary operations a complete plant was installed. This led to the opening up of a six-foot seam of are running about two miles, and containing about 46 to 47 per cent of metallic iron. The ore also carries about 6 per cent of carbonate of lime. Underlying this seam, at a distance of only 4ft., is another seam containing 9ft. of ore. It is leaner than the upper seam, and may not be as profitable to work at this time. The situation of this ore is advantageous for the furnace plants on the Alabama mineral division, and the time may come when it can be transported to advantage to the Birmingham district. The extent of the property is about 1,800 acres.

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION IN INDIA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—An improvement or an alteration in education always is the result of the sprit of time. An important function that education has to perform is to prepare men fit for satisfying the wants of time.

Innumerable discoveries and inventions in the field of science have recently contributed to increase the wants of the Indian people in thousand-fold-ways. These circumstances need an educational system on altogether a different basis. This system is termed "Industrial Education."

If all the countries, of course, civilized—have to solve a problem, on which the prosperity, nay even existence of nations depends—it is the industrial problem. It now needs no argument to prove, that those countries, which will, consciously or unconsciously, lag behind in this present industrial march, will surely be wiped out of existence from the surface of the world. The principle of the "Survival of the Fittest" is now acknowledged on all hands to be a very potent factor in regard to national existence.

Instances to support the above statement are not far to seek. The fact, that Japan, in the course of only three decades—has come out triumphant and has been fortunate to earn its first rank, among different nations of the world, is chiefly due to the arrangement of imparting sound and practical industrial education to its children. Germany and America also head the list of those countries which could defy England in so far as industrial competition is concerned because they were the first to realise the importance of manual education.

If countries such as Germany and America need this sort of education, India must needs require its help more urgently. India's poverty has been established beyond any doubt. India has to depend upon merely agricultural products for its existence. Failure of rain is enough to make it destitute of any other means of subsistence. Under the circumstances it is imperatively necessary to open a new channel, where India can find a suitable field for full play of its various activities. So that in case of unfavourable agricultural out-look, it may find other means to support itself.

A question would arise what kind of Educational system does India need? India needs such a system as would not address itself exclusively to develop some of the faculties at the expense of the rest, but as would bring about the all-round and harmonious development of all the faculties of a child-mind. To accomplish this end in view, not alone must the hand be active, but also the head and the heart must be brought into sympathetic action. Manual occupations to be selected should therefore be such, as would cultivate the powers of thinking and judgment. In order that also the heart or the emotional side of the soul should have a full share of benefit, the technical means should be of aesthetical nature i. e. such as would ennoble the feelings and thus lay the foundation of character, of course, in our selection of these technical aesthetical means, ethical principles should not be lost sight of.

It is a matter of great wonder that India, with all its marvellous academical progress, is unfortunate in not having an institution that would give an industrial grounding to its children. Bombay too, has, until now, done nothing in this direction. Still, however, it deserves credit for raising a cry for such an institution and it will probably, take the lead—supplying this long-felt and all important need to the Indian public.

It may not be amiss to observe here that some of the schools of Bombay have realised the need of introducing into their curriculum or syllabus—some elements of Industrial Education. Miss Edge an eminent Educationalist and Principal of the Mission School at Girgaum, has so devised the school course that its inmates can have the advantage of cultivating the suppleness of fingures on a scientific basis and though the course prepared for the school is based upon European lines and is mostly suited to European children, yet many native boys and girls take the full benefit of this sort of instruction.

The Honourable Khan Bahadur Darasha Chichgar whose name is connected with Kindergarten and will ever remain so, has put into practice his long and varied experience in educational matters. A visit to the Bhikhajibai Bengalee School will at once show even to a casual observer, that his indefatigable efforts of imparting such instruction to children as would train not only the heart, but also the head, not to speak of the hand, are worth commendation.

Mr. J. D. Bharda, who is a great educational enthusiast, has given a full benefit of his recent tour through the whole of Europe, by devising a course to elicit the innate powers of children by means of direct experience, and for this purpose he has commenced to train the primary teachers by lectures on a line similar to that adopted long ago by the Honourable Khan Bahadur Chichgar in the Bengale School.

The Alexandra School has not been behind in this educational march. Under the able supervision of Miss Serene M. Cowasji and principalship of Miss Green, the School is doing an excellent work. Very recently Miss Green has arranged to open a normal class for English teachers and thus offered facilities to teachers to understand and grasp the principles of education based on modern methods. It is desirable that in this normal school attention should not be exclusively given to expound only the theory of education, but arrangement should also be made to give a full scope to put the principles into practice.

Besides, Bombay boasts of possessing enthusiastic and experienced experts like Messrs. Wallan and Talati, who have devoted a great deal of their lifetime to the thorough study of Industrial Education. Bombay may well take the benefit of the experience and advice of such gentlemen and may institute a school—the sole work of which will be to begin with manual instruction at first and which will end in giving the so-called industrial education. There is a Gujarati School entitled "the Sir Mangaldas Girls School" which require mention for its good arrangement of giving education to young Hindu girls. Mr. Tribhovandas, the eldest son of its original founder, takes a keen interest for its welfare.

India now trains itself by means of "ear." It must now begin to make use of "eye and hand" and in a short time there will be a regeneration of the whole of India.

K. P. UHADHYAYA B.A.

Bombay September 4th.

THE RETURN PRESIDENCY MATCH.

THE PROBABLE TEAM.

THE committee, which has in hand the selection of the team to represent the Presidency in the return match with the Parsees, is leaving no stone unturned to make the team as representative as possible. It is satisfactory to learn that Mr. F. L. Sprott, the old Presidency captain and wicket-keeper who is now stationed in Sind, is likely to be able to play, and that Captain C. U. Price, who has been batting well in matches at Karachi, has received an invitation to play. On the other hand the committee have experienced a disappointment owing to the inability of Mr. Coombs to don flannels and his bowling, which was so successful in the match at Bombay, will be greatly missed. There is, however, every hope that Captain Deas will be able to play again, a fortunate circumstance for the Presidency. We understand that an invitation was extended to Major F. W. D. Quinton, the well-known Hampshire cricketer, however, was who obliged to refuse it on the ground that he has been playing no cricket lately. Up to date the following players have been selected:—Captain J. G. Greig, Captain L. M. R. Deas, Captain C. U. Price, Lieut. B. M. Carroll Mr. J. H. Curtis, and Mr. F. L. Sprott. The other five places will be filled after the return match this week between the Bombay and Poona Gymkhanas. Regarding the composition of the team to represent the Parsees we learn that Mr. A. H. Mehta will be unable to play and that his place will probably be filled by Mr. Kapadia.

TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES.

An incident which no doubt, says the "Memorial Diplomatique" will be arranged in a satisfactory manner has disturbed somewhat the relations between Turkey and the United States. America has demanded from Turkey the same treatment for her missionary schools that the French schools receive; an indemnity of 50,000 pounds for the American subjects whose property was destroyed in Macedonia and finally that the Legations, maintained by both powers respectively in Constantinople and in Washington, should be raised to the status of ambassies.

Turkey began by replying to these demands in the negative: thereupon a demonstration by the United States Navy was made in Turkish waters. The disproportion between the demands make and the coercion brought to bear on Turkey caused considerable astonishment, the more so that the question regarding the mission schools is of little importance, that the American subjects who lost their goods during the Macedonian troubles were according all accounts emigrant Macedonians and were only recently naturalised in the United States; that finally the desired change of the legations into embassies a measure which Turkey would be ill-disposed to adopt, if only for reasons connected with the budget—should not have given rise to a military demonstration. In view of such energetic action about matters so trifling, the question naturally arises what secret motive influences the Washington Cabinet. It is probable that there may be a double reason, on one side a tendency to expansion, with which the United States has been credited for some years past; on the other the personal desire of Mr. Roosevelt to influence public opinion before the general election, by showing that he is the strong man, the man of energetic decisions and of rapid execution.

We cannot refrain from remarking, continues the French paper, on the essential contradiction between the recent tendency of the American Government to intervene, and the Monroe doctrine which this same Government affirms and defends. To forbid Europe to intervene in the New World, and to attempt to intervene herself in the Old World, are two contradictory propositions, the justification of which, speaking diplomatically, would not be a simple matter. Europe, which has strictly defined treaties with Turkey, would certainly not permit the United States to interfere in what concerns the near Eastern question. That must be well-known in Washington. We incline then to the belief that the attitude of the American Cabinet is entirely circumstantial and that the necessities of the Presidential campaign count for much in the role assumed.

THE AMIR AND THE AFRIDIS.

THE liberality shown by the Amir of Kabul to the Afridi jirgas who recently visited him has had the result which was probably intended. We hear from Peshawar that every week parties of the tribesmen, with their local maliks, take the road into Afghanistan, in the hope of being rewarded for tendering their allegiance to His Highness. As they are given free supplies on the journey and are well entertained on arrival at the capital, they have every inducement to make the trip; but the Amir may probably tire of receiving such a succession of visitors. He has probably no fixed policy in the matter unless he is desirous of repeating the experiment of raising Afridi regiments. His first efforts in this direction were signally unsuccessful. The ordinary Afghan troops resented the appearance on the scene of strangers from the Bazar Valley and Tirah, and the Afridi recruits themselves were difficult to handle. Similar results will probably follow any fresh attempt at enlistment on a large scale. Politically, Habibullah's line of action serves to cause unrest throughout the region south of the Khyber, and this is much to be regretted as locally no disturbing influences exist. His Highness may not perhaps, fully realise the mischievous effects likely to follow upon his present policy and he would be well advised to follow his father's example as regards the Afridis. Abdur Rahman would have no direct dealings with them at all and frontier history shows that he was right to distrust them.—"Pioneer."

THE FLIGHT OF THE DALAI LAMA.

As regards the political negotiations which Colonel Younghusband is carrying on it is becoming plain that the Dalai Lama can no longer be considered as a factor in the situation. His flight to Chinese territory seems to indicate that he has no intention of being a party to any agreement that may be made at Lhassa, and that he means to stand aloof altogether while a settlement is being arranged. The important point is whether he will return when the sacred city is once more free from intruders and whether he will retain any hold over the officials and people. The fanatical monks who swarm all over Tibet are not likely to renounce their allegiance to him at once, but it may be possible to create a faction which would resent his reappearance on the scene, in which case he would be supplanted by a new Dalai Lama though the creation of a personage of this peculiar standing is a very different matter from placing an ordinary secular ruler in power after having formally deposed a rival. The Lhassa ecclesiastics may however be equal to the occasion, unprecedented though it may be, and may elect from among their own number a Lama who could hold his own after the Mission has been withdrawn. If Tibet were on the footing of other countries which border on India the solution of the problem would be comparatively simple. The British Government would play its accustomed part of King-maker; a formal Treaty would be signed with the new ruler and our troops would quietly retire. But we are not dealing with a succession question in which an Amir or a Maharaja is concerned. Tibet has been governed hitherto by priest, and wherever religion enters largely in the administrative control of a country troublesome points invariably arise in all dealings with the outside world. The "foreign policy" of the Tibetans has hitherto been based solely on the principle that all intruders must be kept out of Lhassa territory, even the connection with China being made as slight as possible. The intrigues with Russia were an entirely new departure, and they have had disastrous results, as everyone from Dalai Lama downwards must have seen. If the Lamas and high officers now at Lhassa would only frankly admit this at the same time, recognise that the British Government has no sinister designs on the independence of the country the lessons of the past year would be brought home to them in a most effective way. We can only hope that they are gradually coming into a reasonable frame of mind and are willing to make an agreement which they honestly intend to carry out whether the Dalai Lama return or not—"Pioneer."

NOTHING is yet settled in regard to the return of the Mission from Lhassa and there is no intention of withdrawing it until a satisfactory settlement has been arrived at. Colonel Younghusband and his escort were at Kambajong at an elevation of 15,600 feet until 5th December, last year, and afterwards crossed 1,800 foot pass on the way to Chumbi without any ill effects whatever. A larger force spent the winter months of January, February and March this year at Phari and Tuna, both far more exposed and infinitely less provided with local supplies than is the city of Lhassa where many thousand Tibetan monks live permanently in the greatest comfort. The attitude of Tibetans has been vastly more conciliatory of late than was at first the case and it may reasonably be hoped that a settlement will now shortly be arrived at. A number of important points have still to be agreed to, however, and the Mission is fully prepared to remain at Lhassa throughout winter, should this prove necessary, it being obviously better to take this course than to run any risks of leaving matters in such a position as would necessitate another visit next spring. The report which has appeared, to the effect that a withdrawal is likely to commence about the 15th instant is a mere surmise, based upon the probability of a treaty being fully agreed to before that date. The Bharatpur Transport Corps is meanwhile being sent up at the request of the Darbar of that State who sportingly desire that it would be given the experience of conditions obtaining on active service. It will be employed upon the Tezata line of communications in Sikkim by which supplies for the Tibet Mission have throughout been sent.

JUBALPUR NOTES.

Since writing last, three Municipal wards have been declared, I believe, as plague infected, writes our Jubalpur correspondent. The daily number of deaths is not abnormally high, and from what I have been able to gather the duration of the disease in several cases, has been longer than is usual from start to finish in cases of plague, so that it is a moot question as to whether many deaths put down to plague were caused by that dire disease. Yesterday (the 2nd September,) there were no deaths from plague, so that the people of Jubalpur are hoping against hope that "John" plague (the front name must be borrowed from China) has not and is not going to establish itself for the second time in this rising town.

The European population, plague or no plague, is bent upon making the best of the fine weather we are having for what with afternoon picnics, polo matches, hockey matches, guest nights at the several messes and "At Homes" and concerts at the several clubs and institutes, the entertainments and amusements are in all conscience sufficient to keep morbid fancies far, far away from plagues of kinds and tend to the realization of a cheerful present.

In addition to several other things barring wireless telegraphy and the motor car mania Messrs Nathan and Co. have opened a Turkish Bath almost opposite the Victoria Hospital. Vincent Corey, who does not pretend to vie with Lawrence and Mayo or with James Murray and Co., has opened out an optician's place of business in the Jubalpur City.

A Mahomedan 1st Class Magistrate convicted and sentenced, a "Badak" (Duck) to six months' rigorous imprisonment under an alternative charge, either of theft or of receiving stolen property, but on appeal the Sessions Judge acquitted the man. The case has caused some sensation in Police, Magisterial and lawyers' circles and is the subject of much comment.

Mr. P. C. Dutt, bar-at-law, who in addition to his forensic abilities, is reputed to be a mineralogist of no mean order, has succeeded in discovering mineral wealth in the bowels of the earth within the limits of these Provinces, and rumour has it, but how far that is true I cannot vouch for that, his mines have produced butter and pearls also. Solomon's mines will be the thrown quite in the shade eventually by Dutt's mines is the general opinion of those in the know of such matters.

Messrs Hathaway andCo and Messrs Trevillion and Clark and Co. will open out branch firms shortly at Jubalpur and two theatrical companies are also expected during this and next month; one is, I believe, the Dallas Company, which will be most welcome, knowing, as the Jubalpur public do,the merits of that Company, The scenic artiste of the other Theatrical Company has arrived and will shortly be busy with brush, paint and canvas.

Messrs. Louis DeSouza and Company from Allahabad have opened out a carriage building and repairing establishment at Sunny Side in the Civil Lines and if the firm are reasonable and moderate in their charges the Jubalpur public will have a much felt want supplied.

SURAT NOTES.

There is no rain, nor even a sign of it, writes our Surat correspondent, under Sunday's date. The outlook is anything but comforting. Two experimental works have been opened in the Olpad taluka, where the work of cultivation has very nearly ceased, Fodder and water will be sorely needed everywhere, if no more rain falls within the next fortnight.

The plague is working considerable havoc in this city, and the mortality is simply appalling, The figures of the week given here speak for themselves :—

	Number of plague deaths.	Total number of deaths.
27th August	33	93
28th Do.	29	93
29th Do.	23	102
30th Do.	27	105
31st Do.	24	99
1st Sept.	21	91
2nd Do.	41	112
Total	198	698

The Sanitary Commissioner of the local Municipality at a meeting on Friday last resolved to ask through the President the loan from the Surgeon-General to the Government of the services of one Assistant Surgeon and six hospital assistants, and permission to open a hospital for plague patients in the Parekh Dharamsala, near the Railway station. One hospital assistant will be in charge of this hospital, one will be engaged in the work of disinfecting the houses, while the rest will be employed as itinerants, going the round of the city enquiring where plague cases occur, and supplying medicines to the people who want them.

In view of the impending distress in the Presidency Government have issued a resolution cancelling all kinds of leave, except on medical certificate, granted to all officers in the Civil, Medical, Police,Forest, and Public Works departments, but not hitherto availed of by them.

At a meeting of the Managing Committee of the Victoria Memorial Fund held under the presidency of Mr. Morison, the Collector, on the 2nd instant it was resolved that as the total amount collected up to date is only about Rs. 800, it is impossible to carry out the original idea of establishing a public garden, the amount should be handed over to the Municipality, if they agree to accept it to be expended on the purchase of benches for the Municipal Gardens, each bench to bear the inscription "Presented by the Victoria Memorial Fund, Surat."

THE AFFAIRS OF MESSRS. MULJEE JAITHA AND COMPANY.

A SHAREHOLDER'S APPLICATION.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Tyebjee, at the High Court yesterday, disposed of a rule nisi, issued at the instance of Pitamberdas Vandravandas, a shareholder of the New East India Press Company, Limited, in the case of Gangubai against Bhagvandas Walji and others calling upon the parties and the directors of the New East India Press Company and four other companies, to show cause why the order of the Court of the 26th February last, appointing Messrs. Chaturbhuj Morarji Lalji Naranji and Bhagwandas Walji receivers of the firm of Muljl Jetha and Company, should not be so modified as to prevent those receivers from conducting the business of the five joint stock companies, of which Messrs. Muljl Jetha and Company are secretaries and treasurers. Mr. Strangman, instructed by Mr. Hiralal Dayabhoy, appeared for the applicant Pitamberdas, the Hon. Mr. Scott, instructed by Messrs. Mansukhlal, Jamsetji and Hiralal, appeared for the plaintiff Gungabai; Mr. D. D. Davur instructed by Messrs. Dikshit, Dhanjishaw, and Soonderdas, appeared for Bhagwandas Walji, and Mr. Lowndes, instructed by Messrs. Pestonji, Rustim and Colah, for the New East India Press Company and four other Companies.

Mr. Strangman for the applicant, urged that the order of the 26th February was ultra vires and should be set aside, as having been passed by the Court inadvertently, but nevertheless without jurisdiction. He submitted that when the order was passed the attention of the Court was not drawn to article 115 of the Articles of Association of the Company and had that been done, the Court would not have made the order. Counsel argued that the article in question showed that only partners in the firm of Muljl Jetha and Company could be appointed secretaries and treasurers of the Company, and, therefore, the Court had gone beyond its powers in appointing the three gentlemen mentioned as receivers and entrusting to them the business of carrying on the agencies of the five companies. He, therefore, asked that the order might be treated as ultra vires, or in the alternative to so modify it as not to prejudice the rights of shareholders to appoint fresh agents.

Mr. Davur, in opposing the rule, submitted that it would be disastrous to the harmonious working of the companies if the order was disturbed,

Mr. Lowndes urged that the motion was quite unnecessary, its object being a mere academical discussion. If it were found that the order operated injuriously to the interests of the companies he represented, he thought, it would be quite open to them to come before the Court and have it modified The companies had yet suffered no hardship at all.

The Hon. Mr. Scott submitted that the directors of the companies in question had acquiesced in the appointment of the receivers, and therefore the applicant had no "locus standi" at all. Section 503 of the Code empowered the Court to pass the order objected to, and overrode any provision of the Articles of Association.

His lordship, in delivering his judgment said the first question which arose was whether the Court had as a matter of fact appointed the three persons agents of the Company so as to contravene the provision of article 115. The order was made by himself and certainly nothing could have been further from his intention than to appoint any persons, agents of the Company that were not being represented before the Court. It was not a fact that he had appointed those receivers as agents of the companies but he had appointed them receivers of the firm of Messrs Muljl Jetha and Company, a part of whose business was the agency business of these companies. So long as Muljl Jetha and Company were the agents of the companies,their business might be carried on by the receivers. But if the companies did not like the arrangement, it was quite competent for them to pass a resolution that Muljl Jetha and Company should no longer be agents or secretaries and treasurers of the companies : and if that were done, this order of the Court would become inoperative. His lordship held that the order was not "ultra vires," and it was not necessary to modify it as suggested by Mr. Strangman. The application was therefore, dismissed with costs.

CRICKET IN BOMBAY.

HINDU GYMKHANA vs. PARSEE GYMKHANA.

A DRAWN GAME.

The return match this season between the Hindu Gymkhana and the Parsee Gymkhana, which was played on Sunday, excited a good deal of interest amongst cricket-lovers of the two communities, especially the Parsees, who were anxious to see the defeat experienced at the hands of the Hindus last month avenged. With the exception that neither D. D. Kanga or A. H. Mehta were able to don flannels, the Parsee Gymkhana had the services of all the players who have assisted the side regularly this season, while the Hindus only required Bhanda, their best all round player, to have made the eleven a thoroughly representative one. The match was played on the Hindu Gymkhana ground on a plumb wicket, and had play started punctually at the time arranged, 11 o'clock, the match, instead of ending in a draw most unsatisfactory for the Hindus, would probably have resulted in a victory for the latter who, when stumps were drawn, were in the better position. A good hour was lost in the morning owing to a dispute between the Parsee captain and the Hindus regarding the way in which the wickets had been pitched and it was 12 o'clock before a start was made, The spin of the coin enabled the Hindus to take first service of the wicket and P. K. Telang and Agasker, the first batsmen, started steadily, so steadily indeed. that when the latter was run out, only 30 had been scored as the result of 35 minutes' play. Telang who made 28 played a very much quieter game than usual and the same remark applies to most of the Hindu batsmen who were evidently determined to take no risks. Besides Telang, Pai (24), Baloo (25), Date (35) and Talpade (28) all made over twenty runs, and as three other men reached double figures the batting of the side was most consistent. The innings closed at 3-45 for 197, having lasted nearly three hours. But for bad judgment in running, the total would probably have been much larger, three batsmen Agasker, C. V. Mehta and Deo—throwing their wickets away. Warden and H. D. Kanga were the most successful bowlers tried by the Parsees. The Parsees were left with about two hours in which to get close upon 200 runs, but recognising this task to be too heavy for them played for a draw. and thanks chiefly to H. D. Kanga, were able to accomplish this, though they had many an anxious moment before the bell rang. From the start they were playing an uphill game, and until Kanga and Pavri became associated it looked any odds on the Hindus being able to get the whole side out in time. Kanga, who played a great innings, undoubtedly saved his side from defeat. He went in first wicket down and until just a few minutes before stumps were drawn, played with great caution, hardly making anything more than singles during the first hour he was batting, Of the total of 100 for five wickets he made 48 and was not out at the end. Baloo accounted for all five wickets and bowled splendidly considering that he received absolutely no assistance from the wicket. The draw was in favour of the Hindus, if anything, as having disposed of five of the best Parsee batsmen for 100 it is extremely unlikely that the remaining five batsmen would have doubled the score. In every department of the game the Hindus showed to advantage, their fielding even, which is usually considered their weak spot, being quite as smart and safe as that of the Parsees. The following are the scores :—

HINDU GYMKHANA.

Mr R V Agasker, run out	11
Mr P K Telang, b Warden	23
Mr M D Pai, b Pavri	24
Mr P Baloo, b Lalu	25
Mr R S Bhandare, c Mulla, b Warden	14
Mr C V Mehta, run out	0
Mr K A Date, b Vatcha	25
Mr W B Talpade, c Pavri, b H Kanga	28
Mr P S Dhargelkar, not out	15
Mr D K Telang, b H Kanga	0
Mr R Deo, run out	1
Extras	8
Total	197

PARSI GYMKHANA.

Mr Commissariate, b Pai, b Baloo	0
Mr Parekh, b Baloo	4
Mr H Kanga, not out	48
Mr J D Mody 1-b-w, b Baloo	11
Mr Sakiatwala, c Deo, b Baloo	6
Mr Pavri, c Dhargelker, b Baloo	20
Mr Lala)	
Mr Vatcha)	
Mr Warden) To bat	
Mr Mullah)	
Mr Belgamwalla)	
Extras	8
Total	100

AFTER THE CRICKET MATCH.

ROW ON THE HINDU GROUND.

At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday,before Mr. Kersondas Chhabildas, Third Presidency Magistrate, two Parsee youths named Kaikhushroo Eduljl and Byramji Mancherji and a Hindu youth Govind Krishnaji stood charged with disorderly behaviour and assault on the Hindoo Gymkhana Ground on Sunday evening after the cricket match between the Hindu and the Parsee Gymkhana. Mr. Shapur Spencer appeared for accused Nos. 1 and 2. Police sepoy No. 1454 deposed to hearing the three accused joining in the cry of "Kaoo Kaoo Hurray!" He then saw umbrellas flying in the air and a squabble ensued, Accused No. 1 used his umbrella freely against a Goanese named Manual De Souza. The witness caught hold of the accused and snatched the umbrella from his hand which had been torn and broken in the fight.

All the three accused pleading not guilty, Mr. De Souza was called as a witness for the prosecution. He said he was passing along by the scene of disturbance when the first accused asked him, addressing him in most indecent language, where he was going. The witness retorted that the accused had no right to ask him where he was going, Then blows of umbrellas were dealt to him by many Parsees who surrounded him, amongst who n accused No. 1 was the first to raise his umbrella.

Mr. S. G. Velinker, said the scene of disturbance was a public ground in as much as the cricket match of that day had finished. He himself was not present while the assault took place to say how it came about. To prevent such disturbances that took place at other matches played on the Hindoo Gymkhana Ground, the Bombay Improvement Trust allowed the Secretary of the Gymkhana to have a fence of wire ropes put round the ground. The exact place of disturbance was the piece of ground belonging to the Hindoo Gymkhana but according to an agreement, as soon as the ground ceased to be used by the Gymkhana it became a public ground and when the Gymkhana wanted it, it was closed against the public.

For the prosecution witnesses were called in the person of police sepoys Nos. 738 and 1403,

Mr. Spencer for the defence said that the broken umbrella produced in the Court did not belong to the first accused whose umbrella was intact. The evidence for the prosecution was contradictory. The affair was a petty squabble, and the accused were perhaps not the real persons who assaulted the Goanese and therefore he asked that the case be dealt with leniently and the accused be warned and discharged.

The Magistrate said the assault on the Goanese was unprovoked and it was a severe assault the accused Nos. 1 and 2 made upon him. From the evidence he did not see anything that went against the third accused whom, he therefore ordered to be discharged and fined accused Nos. 1 and 2 Rs. 10 each.

FAMINE PROSPECTS IN KATHIAWAR.

The rainfall this side is very meagre this year, writes our Bhownagar correspondent. Famine is declared and relief works will shortly be thrown open, in the villages under Bhownagar State. Those who predicted that this year's monsoon would be very poor are congratulating themselves on their correct prediction.

It is very hot during the day, while after midnight a cold breeze starts indicating that the monsoon has now taken its departure. The people had of course some hope that it would rain on the new "Nakshatra" that took place a few days since, but no rain came and thus their last ray of hope has been extinguished.

The "Gokal Ashtami" fair which is held at its best at Wadhwan city, every year was this year very poorly attended owing to the prospects of famine.

10, Blaithroyd, Southowram, Halifax, Eng.

In Dec., 1899, I was cured of piles by Doan's Ointment. I want to say now—20 months after—that this cure has been permanent, and that I have had no return of the old complaint (Signed) Matthew, Farrar. (Of all Chemists.)

BOMBAY GYMKHANA ATHLETIC MEETING.

The fourteenth annual athletic and sporting meeting of the Bombay Gymkhana will be held during the week commencing on the 10th and ending on the 15th proximo. The following is the programme, for which entries will close on the 24th instant :—

ATHLETIC SPORTS—10th and 11th OCTOBER.

1. 100 yards Flat Race (Challenge Cup).
2. 1-4 mile Flat Race (Challenge Cup).
3. 120 yards Hurdle Race.
4. 1-2 mile Flat Race.
5. High Jump, will not be held unless 4 bona fide entries.
6. Long Jump, will not be held unless 4 bona fide entries.
7. Throwing Cricket Ball, will not be held unless 6 bona fide entries.
8. Putting the Shot, will not be held unless 6 bona fide entries.
9. 120 yards Veterans' Handicap (members only).
10. 150 yards Flat Race. Handicap (members only).
11. 220 yards Flat Race, Handicap (members only).
12. 1-4 mile Steeplechase (Rugby Football-playing members).
13. 100 yards Flat Race, open to all comers.
14. 1-4 mile Flat Race open to all-comers.
15. 1-2 mile Flat Race, open to all-comers.
16. 1-4 mile (native soldiers only), open to all amateurs.
17. 1-2 mile Steeplechase (native soldiers only).
18. 100 yards Flat Race (schoolboys under 14 years).
19. Two-legged Race (schoolboys under 14 years.)
20. 200 yards Flat Race (schoolboys 14 years of age and over).
21. Tug-of-war A and B.
22. 100 yards Flat Race (open to native soldiers only).
23. 1-2 mile Flat Race (open to British sailors and soldiers only).
24. 1-2 mile Steeplechase (open to British sailors and soldiers only).

Events Nos. 1 to 8 are open to members and honorary members of the Bombay Gymkhana only, and officers of the Navy and Army, and gentlemen upcountry who are desirous of entering for these events, but who are not members of the Bombay Gymkhana, are requested to communicate with the joint honorary secretaries with a view to their being made honorary members.

Events Nos. 9 to 11, inclusive, are open to members of the Bombay Gymkhana only. To qualify for the Veterans' Race, members must have resided not less than ten years in the East.

Event No. 12 is open to Rugby Football-playing members of the Bombay Gymkhana only who have been playing during the past season.

Events Nos. 13 to 15 are open to all comers, and the prizes in these events will be :—First, value not less than Rs. 100, second, value Rs. 30; and third, value Rs. 10.

Events Nos. 16, 17, and 22 are open to native soldiers only, who must be entered by an officer.

Events Nos. 18 to 20 are open to representatives from schools belonging to the B. H. S. A. A. (not more than two boys for each race from any one school).

Events Nos. 23 and 24 are open to British sailors and soldiers, and prizes in these events will be Rs. 60 first ; Rs. 30, second ; and Rs. 10 third.

Event No. 21—Is open to teams of eight from all clubs—The Royal Navy, British Regiments, or Royal Artillery Batteries. (Two batteries from one station may combine to send a team or teams.)

Event No. 21-B, is open to teams of eight from all Native Regiments and Lascars employed in the Royal Navy and Royal Indian Marine.

The Amateur Athletic Association rules for competitions will be observed.

MOUNTED SPORTS—12th AND 13th OCTOBER AND EXTRA DAY on 15th OCTOBER.

No. 1.—Tent-pegging—Individual—(a) Horses ; (b) Ponies.

No. 2.—Tent-pegging by Section of Four—Two runs, (a) In line ; (b) Echelon. Points will be given for style and dressing. Four cups, value Rs. 25 each, presented by the Bombay Light Horse.

No. 2-A.—Same as No. 2—Open to Native Cavalry and the Bombay Mounted Police only—Entrance free.

No. 3.—Jumping Competition for Horses.

No. 4.—Jumping Competition for Ponies (14-2 and under).

No. 5.—Jumping by Sections—Over 9 jumps. Four cups, value Rs. 25 each, presented by the officers, Bombay Light Horse.

No. 6.—Pony Scurry Handicap—(Cup valued at Rs. 49) For all ponies 14-1 and under that have never won a race of any description of the declared value of Rs. 50, or over and that have competed but not necessarily raced at the sports during the season. Distance handicap. Catch-weights over 12 stone.

No. 7.—Horse Scurry Handicap.—(Cup valued at Rs. 49). For all horses that have never won a race of any description of the declared value of Rs. 50 or over, and that have competed but not necessarily raced at the sports during the season. Distance handicap. Catch-weights over 12 stone.

No. 8.—"Lloyd-Lindsey" Competition—Teams of four to ride over a given course to a point and dismount in alternate half section. The second half section must not dismount until the first half section has remounted. Each half-section must break, with polo balls, two chatties hung on posts, team to return over same course. Points given for time, style and dressing.

No. 9.—Section Leading—No. 3 to ride one horse and lead three others over jumps, Cup value Rs. 50, presented by Major F. W. Calle, A.-D.-C., Commanding Bombay Light Horse.

No. 10—Polo Ball Race.

No. 11—Spiral (bending) race.

No. 12—Ladies' Nomination—Events will be named later.

No. 13.—Ladies' Nomination—Events will be named later.

No. 14.—Tilting for Lady and Gentleman.

No. 15.—Obstacle Race for Lady and Gentleman—The couple holding a ribbon to ride a given course together.

No. 16.—"V C" Race.—To ride over jump and rescue dummy from zareba, returning over jump carrying dummy.

No. 17.—Postillion Race—Competitors to ride one horse and lead another round the trees. The horses need not necessarily be owned by the rider.

No. 18.—Pony Hurdle Race—(Cup value Rs. 49). For all ponies 14-2 under that have never won a race of any description of the declared value of Rs. 50 or over,

Arabs and C.-B, Catch-weights 10st. 7lbs. and over. Walers and English, Catch-weights 12st 7lbs.

No. 19.—Consolation Scurry.—(Cup value Rs. 49). For all horses and ponies that have run but have not won in the scurries at the meeting. Distance handicap. Catch-weights over 11st. 7lbs.

"M. A. P." AND MISS ELEANOR ROBSON.

TO THE EDITOR "THE BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—Will you allow me to correct the statement appearing in your "Green Room Gossip" on Saturday to the effect that Miss Eleanor Robson, the young and distinguished American Actress now in London has not been seen as Juliet in "Romeo and Juliet" or as yet in the field of Shakespeare at all. I find it difficult to understand how such a statement could have crept in, followed, as it is, by the suggestion that her appearance in a play entitled "In a Balcony" has been confused with the "balcony scene" in Shakespeare's great love tragedy. Miss Robson appeared in "Romeo and Juliet" at the Knickerbocker Theatre, New York, in 1902 and in the Spring of 1903 toured the principal cities of America in the same play ; and though scarcely more than twenty when she essayed the role her presentation of Juliet met with universal praise and added considerably to her reputation. Through the courtesy of her Manager Mr. G. E. Tyle, I received excerpts from a large number of press criticisms from which I extract the following: The critic of the Chicago Trebune says her Juliet is the most satisfying so far as poetic brauty, personal charm, and dramatic accuracy are concerned that the American stage had seen since before the time of Mary Anderson, and another. "It is as though this child of genius had come from the legendary days of old Verona bringing with her the soul of Juliet. . . Her Juliet is as real as the lines of Shakespeare." Such rapid rise to critical and popular favor often has its penalties in histrionic art, but in Miss. Robson's case her success has led only to more earnest and painstaking work speaking of her own performance she modestly said "My hopes are centered in the desire to do the best I can with this undertaking, to prove a not unworthy follower in the long line of Juliets, to win the approval of the great theatre-going public—an approval which may be regarded as indicative of the belief that my work, if not well done, is conscientiously done.' I have taken some interest in her career, and now that she is in London I hope that an opportunity will be given to lovers of the Drama there to see her Juliet and that one who has so early in her career attained to such heights of artistic achievement will give us more interpretations of the great master and let us see her Imogen, her Viola, and her Rosalind.—Yours &c.,

J. W. HILLIER.

Professor Rarczynski, of Cracow University, discovered that dysentery is due to the bacillus of Schiga and Krause. He expects that he will soon discover a serum against the disease.

THE WEATHER.

(BY TELEGRAPH).

SIMLA, SEPT. 5.

Monday.—The depression in the bay is apparently approaching Orissa and has given rain North of the East Coast and lower Bengal, rain has decreased in Burma and local rain has fallen in Assam North Bengal East Central Provinces while light local showers are reported from parts of the Peninsula. Among the more important amounts are Narayanguni 2 1-2 inches a Akyab, Sambalpur, Balasore 2 Mymensing, Vizagapatam, 1 1-2 Minbu, Calcutta, Bogra, Cuttack, Salem, Kotah, Chaibassa, False Point Gogalpur, Bhamo and Thayetmyo half an inch. The temperature of the past day was in moderate to considerable excess, East Punjab, South Central Provinces the Deccan, South east Coast and in slight to moderate excess in the United Provinces. It was considerable to largely below normal in Baluchiston, Kashmir and the interior of Burma. The depression in the Bay will probably cross the Orissa Coast during the day and give rain in lower Bengal North of the East Coast Chota Nagpur and the East Central Provinces. Local rain probable in Burma, Assam, North Bengal, South Peninsula.

ACCIDENT AT SEA.

The steamer Clematis, Captain F. Munro, left Karachi on the 26th August, homeward bound with a cargo of wheat. During the voyage she encountered bad weather on the Arabian Coast, during which she stranded and sustained a serious damage to her bottom. There being no dry dock on the coast ports, where she could make good the damage, she arrived in Bombay on Saturday evening and entered the Victoria Dock, where she has been discharging her cargo after which she will be dry docked for repairs.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON MONDAY THE 5TH SEPTEMBER.

SUMMARY.

Pressure changes have been generally small and irregular.The barometer is now in slight to considerable excess of normal over nearly the whole country.

Winds are north-easterly to south-easterly at Jacobabad, Karwar and Mangalore and south-westerly to north-westerly elsewhere. The force has been fresh to strong in Lower Sind, Cutch and at Neemuch, Poona, Sholapur, Bijapur and Belgaum.

Temperature.—The day temperature is generally above normal in many places, the excess ranging from 5° to 8° at Madras, Cuddapah, Bellary Masulipatam, Hyderabad (Deccan), Bijapur, Ahmednagar, Sholapur, Amraoti, Khandwa, Rajkot, Deesa, Ahmedabad and Lahore. The maximum varied from 101° at Jacobabad to 80° at Belgaum and the minimum from 81° at Sirsa to 65° at Belgaum and Bangalore.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is only partially cloudy in many places.

Rain has fallen at 11 stations, out of which Jaipur reports about half an inch, Malegaon, Karwar and Madras about a quarter of an inch and the rest a slight drizzle.

Weather.—The monsoon gradient is becoming day by day weaker on the whole of the West Coast from Cochin to Bombay and pressure is steadily remaining in excess of normal over a large area. Under the circumstances no rain beyond local scattered showers is to be expected.

Summary of weather during the week ending 3rd September in the Trades region.

Mauritius (Latitude 20° S.),—Pressure was almost steady and about '050" in defect of normal. Winds were east-south easterly and little less than usual in force. No rain was recorded.

Zanzibar (Latitude 6° S.),—Pressure had fallen slightly and was fairly normal. Winds were south-south-easterly and about normal in force. No rain was recorded.

Seychelles (Latitude 5° S.).—Pressure had fallen slightly and was slightly in defect of normal. Winds were southerly and normal in force. An inch of rain fell.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a. m. yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague Attack.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern Fort Southern and Esplanade	1	0	2
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	4	1	16
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbharwada	3	3	22
D Khetwady, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Mahalakshmi	0	0	4
E Mazagon, Tarwady,2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla, and 1st Nagpada	4	4	24
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	0	0	3
G Mahim and Worli	0	0	4
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	0	8
Total	12	9	83
Total plague deaths to date	270,719	228,033	
Same date last year	18	18	86

*1 Remd, to Maratha Hospital.

CHOLERA.

Attacks.	Deaths.
*1	2

*Imported from Satara

HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE.

CHANCELLORS TWAIN.

The office of Lord Chancellor is not wholly a kills-port. Lord Halsbury can take himself and his Great Seal to the Highlands, an he be so minded Cairns did. It so happened that the authority of the Chancellor was needed for certain patents, so after him went the official Chaff-wax. Lord Cairns was out for deer. When he returned at night, the official awaited him. Lamps were burning in the court-yard at Braemore, and there, in the centre of a group of ponies laden with deer, the wax was melted and the Seal affixed, and the business of the world sent merrily on. Cairns neatly celebrated the event in the following entry in the visitors' book : "About this date a great seal was for the first time seen in this part of the coast, and was allowed to depart, not only unmolested, but thankful and happy, carrying away impressions of Braemore more lasting than any which it made while there."

OFF WITH THEIR HEADS.

Admirals Togo and Kamimura ought to be devoutly thankful that have neither an old-time British Board of Admiralty, nor a Napoleon under whom to serve. Were they so circumstanced, the heads of both would be in danger to-day. True, they have won a great battle apiece, but they have not sent all the enemy's ships the bottom ; nor brought them into port prizes. Victory and zealous effort did not count in the days to which one refers. Villeneuve was called in haste from the West Indies to sink any British man-of-war which dare show herself in the Chops of the Channel, what time Napoleon's army of invasion was being ferried over to England. But there happened on the scene Sir Robert Calder, who flung his fifteen sail of the line and two frigates against the twenty sail of the line three 50-gun ships, and four frigates of Villeneuve. The latter was driven into Brest his squadron dispersed, and several of his ships lost. Yet, because Calder had not sunk or captured every French ship he was court-martialled ! Nelson when he heard of it was furious and insisted that Calder should have his (Nelson's) own flagship the Prince of Wales, in which to go home with colours flying and drums beating.

BRAVERY'S REWARD.

Napoleon was just as harsh in regard to Trafalgar and Dumanoir. If the latter, he said, had had a little of Nelson's blood, the French had been victorious. I ought to have had Dumanoir's head cut off," he said cheerfully. Napoleon's estimate of Wellington was not generous : "He was fortunate for once, and knows that it could not happen a second time," he said. Perhaps it was because he himself was not responsible for the ordering of the battle of Trafalgar that he so highly commended the conqueror of that day. Nelson is a brave man, he asserted. Do not you all think more highly of him than of the best engineers who construct fortifications ? Nelson had what a mere engineer officer can never acquire. I grant you that a good engineer or a constructor may be a very useful man, but I never liked to reward him like a man who had risked his life and shed his blood."

WHOSE THE BLAME?

The plan to unite the Port Arthur and Vladivostok fleets having so signally and disastrously failed, upon whom will the blame fall ? One of our own chapters of naval history would have been very differently written had compliance with instructions been forthcoming. Had not Nelson refused to withdraw from action, there would have been no victory at Copenhagen. There is an interesting bit of history behind that signal which Nelson disregarded. "I will make the signal of recall," said Sir Hyde Parker to Admiral Domett, "for Nelson's sake. If he is in a condition to continue the action successfully, he will disregard it ; if not it will be an excuse for his retreat, and no blame will be imputable to him." Domett brought the Commander-in-Chief not to make the signal, at least not until personal communication had first been opened, but Parker insisted, saying that by so doing he removed the responsibility from Nelson's shoulders. The fire of the Danes, he thought, was too hot to oppose, and it would be cowardly to leave Nelson to bear the whole shame, if shame there should be, of the failure. We know what was happening on board Nelson's ship. "Leave off action?" he was saying. No, damn the signal. Keep mine for closer battle flying—and nail it to the mast !"

IN THE FAMILY.

The British Association, whose annual meetings are being held at Cambridge, under the presidency of Mr. Balfour, has only once before enjoyed the distinction of seeing a First Minister of the Crown at its head. Oxford, which years before had canonised Lord Salisbury in the reredos of one of its college chapels, was the city selected by the British Association in the year which saw Lord Salisbury as its president. His nephew, being a Cambridge man, naturally enough, then, presides in the Cambridge year. Not of course, that this is the first meeting of the Association at Cambridge ; this is the fourth congress there a number equalling that of those held at Oxford. The latter name will always quicken the pulse of those familiar with the history of the Association, for it was there, four-and-fourty years ago that there came about one of the most notable and exciting dissensions which have ever arisen at these great symposia.

THE ANCESTRAL APE

The battle was over the Origin of Species. The fire had been kindled on the Thursday by an insignificant paper discussed with some bitterness. One the Saturday there was electricity in the air. Another trifle was to be made the excuse for a battle royal. It was only the paper of the New York professor, who wanted to know "Are we a fortuitous concourse of atoms ? Samuel Wilberforce, crammed to the throat" by Owen, as his opponents say, made his famous speech, in which he spoke with "inimitable spirit, emptiness and unfairness . . . ridiculed Draw in badly and Huxley savagely, but all in such dulcet tones, so persuasive a manner, and in such well-turned periods " that the task of the man who had to follow him was hard indeed. But he had asked Huxley to say, " Is it on his grandfather's or his grandmother's side that the ape ancestry comes in ?" Huxley's reply marked his real entry into the arena of debate. "I should feel it no shame," he said, "to have risen from such an origin. But I should feel it a shame to have sprung from one who prostituted the gifts of culture and of eloquence to the service of prejudice and falsehood."

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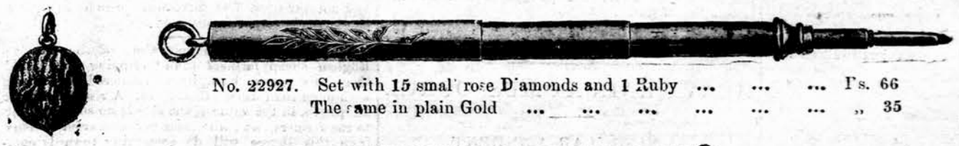

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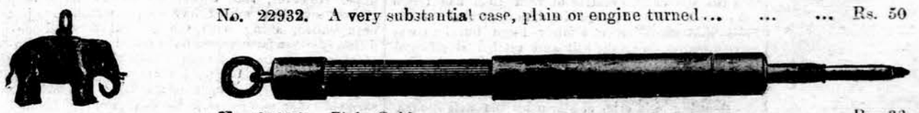

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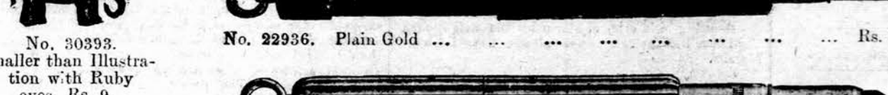

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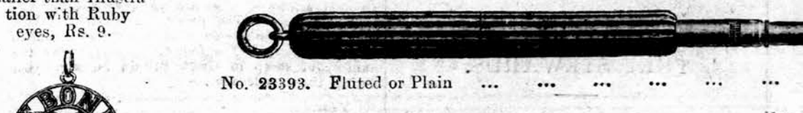

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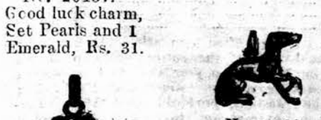

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ECHOES OF SCIENCE.

His fourscore years little annoy that most original and indefatigable of scientists, Mr. Francis Galton. It was by no means enough for him momentarily to emerge from his seclusion in order to bring his new science of Eugenics before the public at the recent meeting of the Sociological Society—nor even to close that meeting by his brilliant invective directed against several distinguished critics—including at least three medical men of note who seemed to think themselves living thirty years ago. On the contrary Mr. Galton has since been working harder than ever, and contributes to last week's "Nature" a most important and interest paper, in which he summarises the first fruits of his labours. The question arose; Are there nor certain breeds or stocks or families in all communities which contribute far more than the average share to the sum of those communities mental and moral products? His previous work upon hereditary genius had led Mr. Galton to believe that the answer to this question is a most decided affirmative. Exceptionalgifted families must exist, whose race is a valuable asset to the nation. Mr. Galton suggested, in his original paper, that it would be not only possible, but extremely useful to make a register of gifted families, and this project he will undoubtedly put into effect within a short time.

Meanwhile he has written to every Fellow of the Royal Society, asking for the names and achievements of their noteworthy kinsfolk, and this latest paper is entitled Distribution of Successes, and of Natural Ability Among the Kinsfolk of Fellows of the Royal Society. There is certainly no doubt whatever that the result of the inquiry entirely confirms the opinion at which Mr. Galton had already arrived. The work has been done in the Galtonian manner, without any narrowness with the utmost ingenuity, and with a mathematical basis. "Noteworthiness" is interpreted in a properly comprehensive sense. The pioneer of a new industry, the great commercial man, the woman who is in any sense a social leader or has a record of successful educational or philanthropic work, are appraised as readily as the Minister of State, the scientists, or the musician. Indeed the lists of qualifications are most interesting reading not without some touches of humour, as in the phrase "Member of Parliament, but subject to reservation." Many of the replies from the various F.R.S. are of interest, such as these—judged sufficient to give a woman a place in Mr. Galton's table:—Learned both Greek and Hebrew unassisted," and "Had a great and recognised influence in forming the character of her (distinguished) sons." Noteworthiness, for Mr. Galton's purpose, was defined as including any success—such as those mentioned above—equal in its way to the attainment of the Fellowship of the Royal Society by a man of science.

One cannot deal here as one would like to do with all the questions raised, and, in some measure, answered in this paper of Mr. Galton's—such questions as that of the relations between success and natural ability on the one hand, and favouring circumstances on the other. Mr. Galton's former conclusion is further supported, that there is a uniform rate of regression towards mediocrity. On the average, the sons of the genius are less distinguished than he, but above the average; whilst the sons of the criminal or dolt are less criminal or stupid than he, but below the average. This, of course, is a law which Mr. Galton discovered long ago.

But the important matter is to recognise that, despite such at present in explicable facts as the occurrence of a Burns or a Shakespeare—the latter with seven utterly undistinguished brothers, was is not?—there do exist gifted families which constitute the nucleus, in any given epoch, of a nation's moral and mental productive power.

Perhaps a concrete instance will be of service. Mr. Galton finds nine really gifted families connected with Fellows of the Royal Society, "two or three of whom are exceptionally gifted." One may guess the name of the first among these latter. There are at least three distinguished brothers all F. R. S., one of whom is giving the popular lecture at the present meeting of the British Association. Their father was the immortal Charles Darwin—the greatest naturalist since Aristotle. His grandfather was Erasmus Darwin, poet, physician, and biologist; and he had in his veins some of the blood of Josiah Wedgwood. Furthermore, he was a cousin of the founder of the new science of Biometrics, not to mention Eugenics, Mr. Francis Galton. What if Erasmus Darwin had never married?

The first instalment of specimens collected by the National Antarctic Expedition, consisting of the collection of seal skins obtained in the pack ice and in McMurdo Straits in the polar summers of 1901-1902 and 1903-1904, has arrived at the Natural History Museum, South Kensington.

Professor Raczynski, of Cracow University, has discovered, after a series of experiments, in which he was assisted by Professor Nowak and Dr. Droba what he claims to be the cause of dysentery. He asserts that the disease is due to the bacillus discovered by Schiga and Krause, since experiments made with that bacillus on rabbits, dogs, and cats resulted in symptoms similar to dysentery. He expects that it will soon be possible to discover a serum against the disease.

The American Line steamer Westmorland, from Philadelphia which arrived at Queenstown on Aug. 10, brings intelligence of a strange phenomenon experienced by the British ship Mohican, in the Atlantic, on Aug. 1, while on a voyage to Philadelphia. A cloud of phosphoric appearance enveloped the vessel, magnetising everything on board. Capt. Urquhart says the vessel and crew had a fiery coating. When the sailors saw it they looked at the needle, and it was moving like an electric fan. He ordered several of the crew to move some iron chains lying on the deck, the sailors could not remove them although they did not weigh more than 75 lb. each, everything was magnetised, and chains, bolts, spikes, and bars adhered to the decks as if they had been riveted. The cloud was so dense that it was impossible for the vessel to proceed. He could not see beyond the decks, and everything appeared a mass of glowing fire. Suddenly the cloud lifted, the phosphorescence on the ship began to fade, and in a few minutes the cloud passed away and could be seen moving over the sea.

An archæological find of the greatest interest has been made by Pastor Lohmann, chairman of the German Society for Scientific Research in Anatolia. During his recent journey, in North Syria a coin of pure silver, excellently preserved, was offered to him, which, on examination, proved to bear a perfect Aramean inscription of Panammu Bar Rerub King of Schamol who reigned 800 years before Christ. It is the oldest known coin in the world. Up to the present the Lydians have always been regarded as the inventors of money, but this new find shows that the Semetic Arameans, who lived two centuries before the Lydians, are the oldest known coiners of money. Apart from this discovery, Pastor Lohmann found several new Hittite has relief as Marach.

A German scientific Review contains some interesting notes on a discovery said to have been made by Lieut.-Col. Dahm at the old Roman fort of Aliso, near Haltern. At a depth of nine feet underground, the surface of which was, it was claimed, proved to have remained undisturbed since the Roman occupation, 54 fragments of various clay "pipes" were found. Their shape was almost uniform, and they could be divided into three groups, one of which was characterised by clumsy and very rough workmanship. The other groups were of much finer make, and decorated with figures and Roman characters. From marks found on all of them, it was evident that they had been used for smoking. That the effect of narcotic fumes was not unknown to the Romans is confirmed by Herodotus and Pliny, who mention that several barbaric Oriental nations were accustomed to enclose themselves in air-tight felt tents, in order to inhale the stupefying fumes of burned hemp seed and cypress grass. In the Berlin Ethnological Museum some prehistoric clay vessels may be seen, which are supposed to have been used for this purpose.

In this week's "Punch" a cartoon by Mr. Sambourne, is entitled "A Mixed Bag." The cartoon shows Mr. Balfour dressed in the garb of a sportsman on the moors. He has a gun under his left arm, while his right hand strokes his chin meditatively. "Mr. Punch" is represented as the gillie, the pony employed to carry the game browsing contentedly near by. The Prime Minister asks "What's theobag?" and Donald McPunch smilingly replies, pointing over his shoulder, and holding up a solitary bird labelled "Licensing Bill," "Ye've just got one bird, but (encouragingly)—ye've hur-r-t several of the gentlemen," indicating the Cabinet Minister who resigned last autumn—the Duke of Devonshire, with his arm in a sling, Mr. Ritchie, Lord George Hamilton, with his knee bandaged, and Lord Balfour of Burleigh, prone on his back among the rocks. Mr. Partridge's cartoon dealing with Tibet is entitled "Business First." It shows the outer door of the Grand Lama's monastery at Lhasa, with a placard affixed stating "Out—back in three years." Outside the door and apparently preparing to free from his pursuers, is a lama held firmly by the tail by the British lion clothed as a British officer. In the left hand the British representative holds a document labelled "Anglo-Tibetan Treaty," and says:—"Yes, that's all right, my friend. You may go away for three "hundred" years if you like. But this has got to be signed first."

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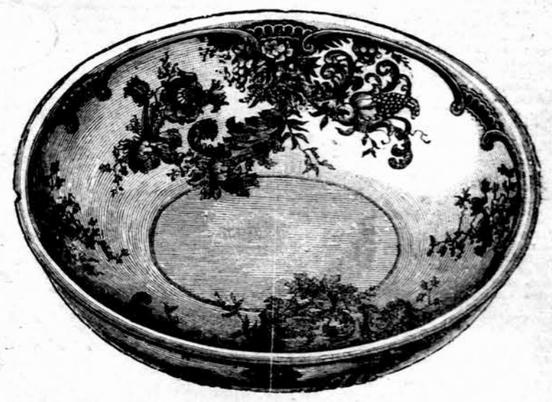

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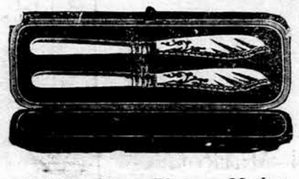

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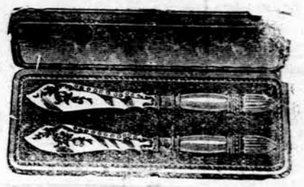

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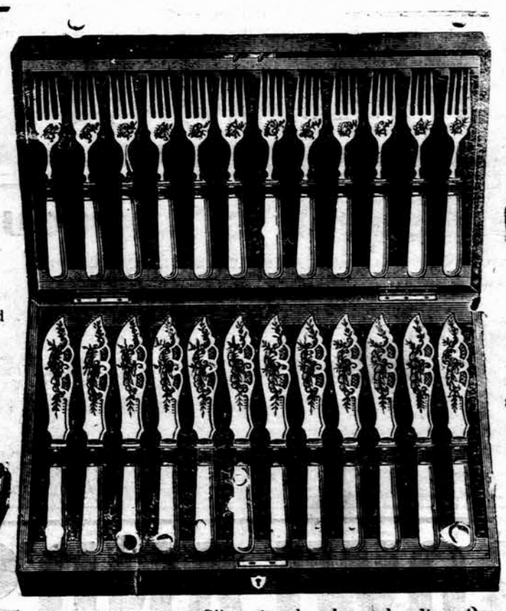

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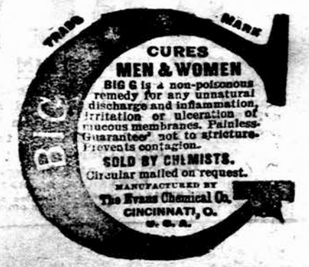
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